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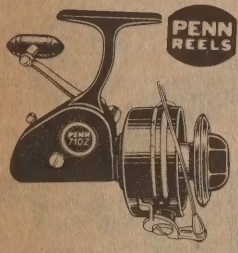

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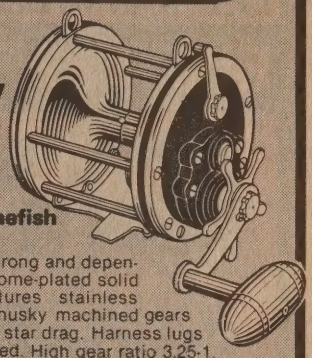

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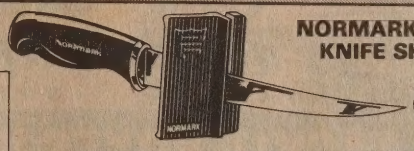

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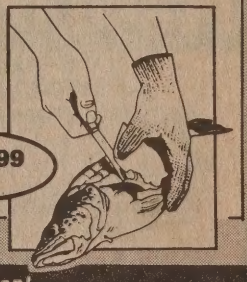

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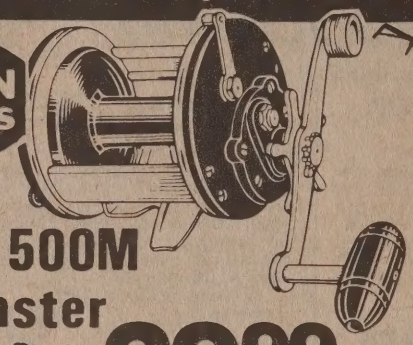

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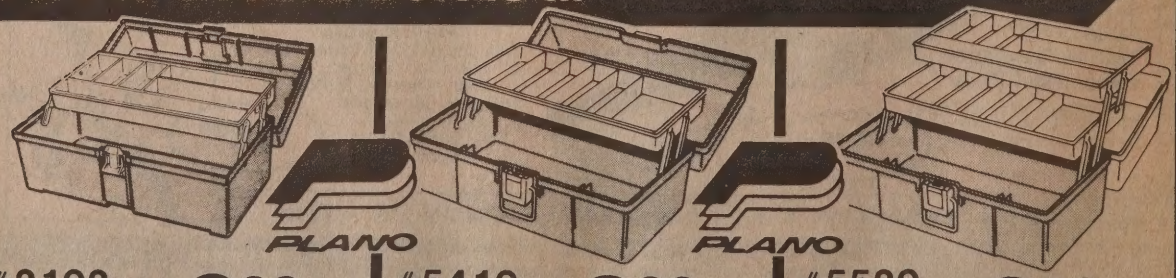

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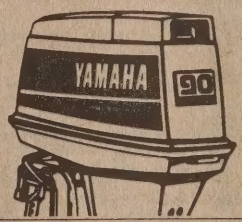

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Copies are $1 each or 65 cents each for quantities, and may be ordered from the NMMA Association Services Department, 401 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611.

NWF TELEPHONE HOTLINE

The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) has inaugurated a new telephone hotline to provide the latest conservation news from Washington.

A taped message, updated twice weekly, summarizes the latest votes in Congress, Presidential actions, and federal agency decisions affecting the environment. The tape also advises callers on where they can call or write to express their views on specific issues.

According to Sharon Newsome, legislative director for NWF, "The new Legislative Hotline will provide citizens with quick access to the latest environmental news from Washington. We're hoping that this additional weapon in our grassroots arsenal will lead to legislative victories."

The hotline number is (202) 737-2024. Callers should note that this is not a toll-free call.

The National Wildlife Federation is the nation's largest conservation organization, with more than 4.6 million members and supporters and 51 affiliate organizations nationwide. A private, non-profit organization, the Federation was founded in 1936.

SANTA COMES TO WHITE WATER MARINE

On Saturday, December 12th, we're informed that Santa Claus will be hosting a Steiger Craft Christmas sale at White Water Marine in Sayville. Free kiddie photos and free life jackets for the kids will be featured. Mr. Claus also said something about a 25" color TV free with boats purchased, but you'll have to get the details from him.

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The National Wildlife Federation reported in August that the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have disagreed over methods to evaluate health impacts of eating fish caught in the Great Lakes.

In their report they stated that anglers catching fish out of Lake Huron, for example, would be told by Michigan officials that fish contaminated with up to 25 parts-per-trillion of 2,3,7,8-TCDD (dioxin) were safe to eat. Ontario officials, to the contrary, warned that those same fish were not safe for consumption.

Predictably, the conflicting advice about the health risks of consuming Great Lake sport fish undermined the credibility of the advisories. Many people ignored, even ridiculed, the warnings.

Although reaching an agreement on the fish consumption advisory has been difficult and time consuming, the impetus for developing a uniform advisory began a year ago May when the governors of the Great Lakes states signed a toxic substances control agreement. Later, the provinces of Ontario and Quebec signed the agreement, too. It included a provision (proposed by NWF) that committed the states to agree on a common fish consumption advisory for each of the Great Lakes by the 1987 fishing season.

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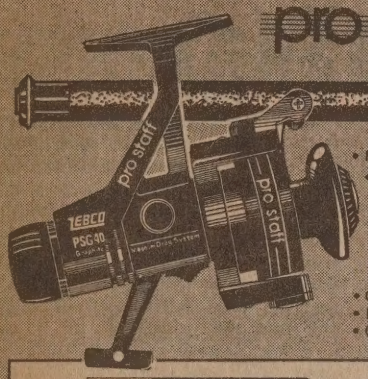

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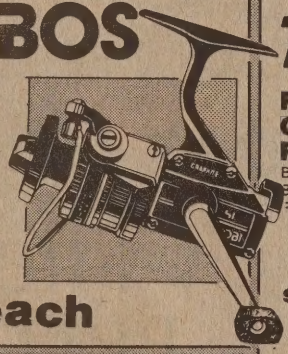

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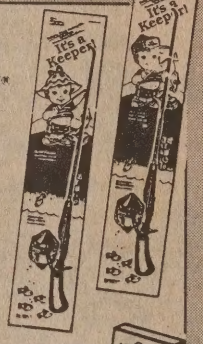

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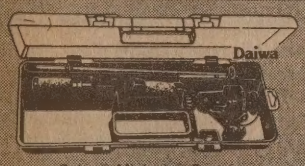

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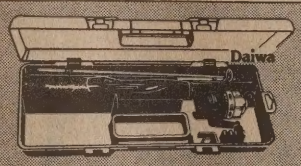

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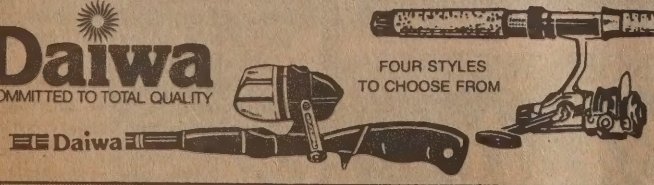

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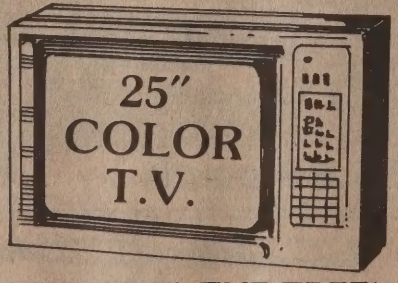

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"The data suggest that current fish consumption advisories fail to warn anglers of the true risk of consuming Great Lakes sport fish," said NWF Great Lakes scientist Dr. Jeffery Foran. "Until methods are developed for assessing the combined risk of the many chemicals found in the fish, and until agreement is reached on the appropriate risk-assessment techniques to be used in evaluating these risks, we can't be sure the Great Lakes anglers are being told the whole story."

Foran, who is supervising the work, says NWF will share the studies with the state agencies and that they will help lay the foundation for improvements in next year's advisories.

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Good fishermen are particular about their equipment and know that maintaining tackle in good condition can mean fewer fish lost and less money spent. In *Tackle Care*, Boyd Pfeiffer details the essentials for keeping fishing tackle in top condition.

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Complete with over 100 photographs and diagrams, *Tackle Care* belongs on the bookshelf, and in the tackle box, of every fisherman.

C. Boyd Pfeiffer is editor of "Fishing Tackle Trade News" and is one of American's most knowledgeable fishermen. His articles and books, including his classic *Tackle Craft*, have been praised for their clear, concise instructions that makes seemingly complicated work easy to understand.

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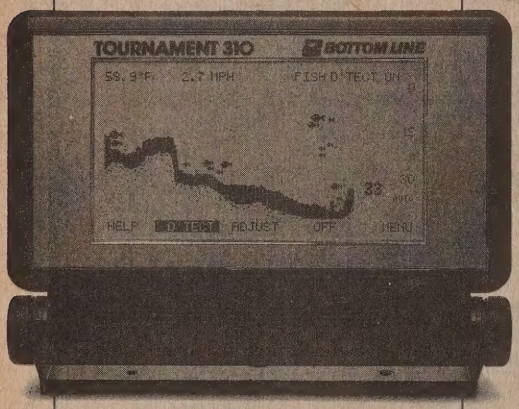
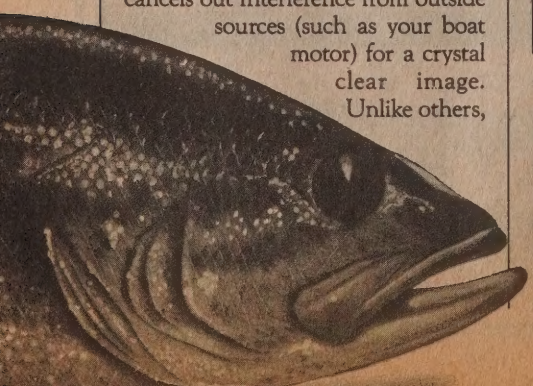
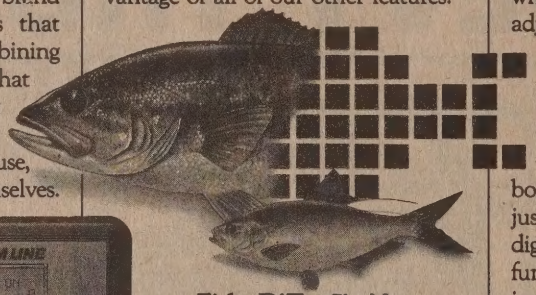
Bottom Line™ has absolutely revolutionized the way you'll view the underwater world. By creating brand new fish finding capabilities that anglers have asked for and combining them with all the features that fishermen need. Then we put it all into fish finders so compact, so sophisticated, and so easy to use, they are truly in a class by themselves.



There is literally nothing else that compares to the leading edge fish finding technology found in the top-of-the-line Tournament 310 from Bottom Line. Feature for feature, we've got the competition beat. . . hands down.

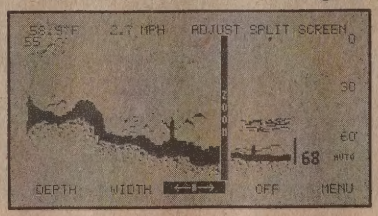
Wide, High-Resolution Screen. Superb clarity. That's what our top-of-the-line Tournament 310 delivers, thanks to a 30,720 pixel liquid crystal display. It creates a highly detailed underwater picture, separating targets less than an inch apart. Bottom Line's innovative and exclusive superheterodyne filtering technology cancels out interference from outside sources (such as your boat motor) for a crystal clear image. Unlike others, our exceptionally wide screens give you plenty of room, so you can take full advantage of all of our other features.





Fish D'Tect™ No more guesswork! With just a touch of a finger, Fish D'Tect™ clearly identifies each fish on the screen with one of *three* special computer-generated fish symbols. The bigger the symbol, the bigger the fish. And that's an advantage you can get only from Bottom Line.

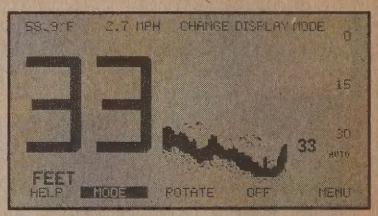
Adjustable Split Screen Zoom & Freeze. Zoom in for details. Examine fish and structure up close on the left side of the screen, while keeping the entire surface-to-bottom view on the right side. Then use the freeze function to stop the left side of the screen so you can analyze all the details on display. Meanwhile, the right side of the screen continues to change as



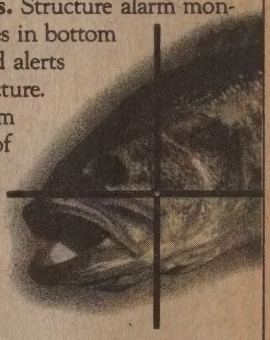
the boat moves along, so you don't miss a thing. Another option is to use Bottom Track along with the zoom feature. This lets you lock in on bottom contours with the left side of the zoom screen, and when the depth changes, the screen adjusts itself instantly to keep you updated with new information.

Adjustable Fish Alarm. Attention! An audible alarm alerts you when fish are under the boat. You can adjust the alarm to sound *only* when larger fish appear.

Digital Displays. Information in an instant. Liquid crystal display lets you read functions such as water depth, surface temperature, boat speed and distance traveled with just a glance. In addition, the giant digital display feature lets you scan the functions in extra large numbers or fix in on one function only.

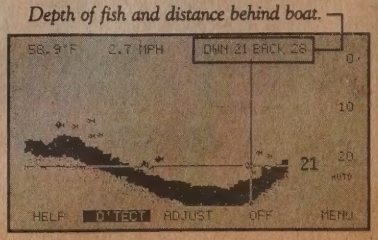


Adjustable Structure & Hazard Alarms. Structure alarm monitors changes in bottom contour and alerts you to structure. Hazard alarm warns you of dangerously shallow water.



Cross-Hair Target Cursor. We'll make your day! Draw a bead on any fish and track it automatically—the Tournament 310 can tell you its exact depth and distance *behind* the boat. Nobody else can put such a powerful fish finding weapon in your hands.

Depth of fish and distance behind boat.



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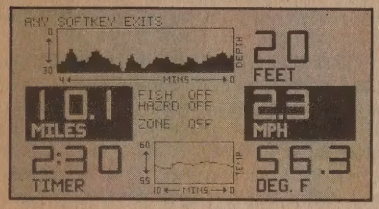
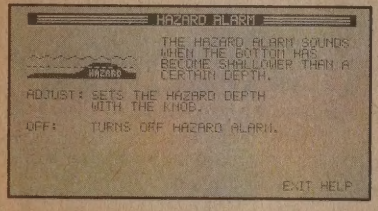


Navigational Display. With just a touch of a finger, our *unique* navigation/information display feature gives you a complete listing of all vital information. All at once, you can monitor boat speed, distance traveled, water depth, bottom contour, temperature trends of the surface water over the past 10 minutes—you even have a countdown timer!

Automatic Operation Mode. Keeps your hands free. When you get too busy hauling in the fish, simply choose the automatic mode and the unit adjusts itself, following the bottom contours and updating the screen constantly.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Cassette Record/Playback. Plug in an audio cassette recorder to create a permanent record of the bottom contours and fish on any fishing trip. Play it back on your Tournament 310 when you get home.

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Exclusive Software Update Program. We've saved what may very well be the best, for last. It's a feature other manufacturers have never even dreamed about, much less offered: The Bottom Line Update™ Program.

Our fish finders are so advanced, we can reprogram their computer software. So when next season rolls around, you can upgrade it and take advantage of the latest features and developments in Bottom Line fish finding technology. All for a nominal fee that's just a drop in the bucket compared to the cost of a new fish finder.

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Go ahead and shop around, if you like. But you really shouldn't expect to find anything that even comes close to a Bottom Line fish finder. Because even though we do have a few competitors, they just don't offer much competition.

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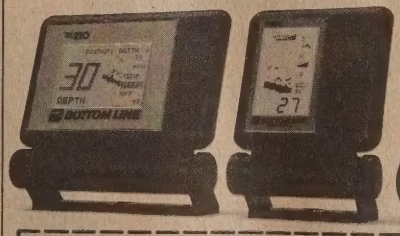

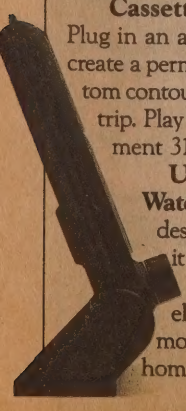

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During 1987, consumer demand and production difficulties kept QSS reels in short supply.

"When we introduced the QSS reels, we thought they were the best spinning reels on the market. But we did not anticipate that they would become so popular as quickly as they did," says Rich Feehan, Quantum spinning reel product manager.

"In the first three months of this year, fishermen bought twice as many QSS reels as we had planned for the entire year. Since then, it has been hard for us to keep up with demand."

Quantum's QSS series, the result of five years of research and development, is comprised of five reels. They range in size from the ultralight QSS 2 (which weighs only six ounces) to the QSS 8, designed to meet the demands of heavy saltwater fishing and surf-casting.

Alone in their class, Quantum QSS reels have unprecedented stainless steel gears. Twice as strong as conventional brass, stainless steel won't wear, pit or burr, and that means smoother retrieves and longer reel life.

The main shaft on all QSS reels is stainless steel and larger in diameter, virtually guaranteeing that it won't warp or bend while landing the strongest of game fish whether an angler is going for striped bass or albacore. And critical stress points are fitted with stainless steel ball bearings, adding to the smoothness and life of the gears.

"The drag washers in the Magnum Drag System are ultra-large, giving more surface area for better heat dissipation, and are housed under the spool to protect them from sand and grit," says Feehan. "The result is a new standard in drag performance: smoother, fade-free, with increased range of adjustment."

All of the QSS reels (except the QSS 2 ultralight) are equipped with "BaitSensor," which puts the reel in an ajustable free-spool mode with a flick of a switch. This enables the angler to liveline bait and adjust downrigger lines with the bail closed. BaitSensor is fully adjustable, providing precise tension to meet wind or current conditions or let a fish run with the bait. For hook-setting, flip a switch either right or left and the spool instantly engages to the pre-set drag tension.

QSS reels are designed with a Max-Cast spool, which allows the line to spin off and away from the lip instead of around it, offering greater distance with less casting effort because of reduced line friction. The oversized line roller which runs on a self-lubricating graphite bushing, reduces line wear and line twist.

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A special feature is Accu-set, a built-in drag tension checker, which tells anglers when the drag is accurately set for the line strength. It helps avoid guesswork, making sure that the drag is set tight enough for sure hook sets and fish control, yet loose enough to prevent break offs.

Accu-set offers a Lifetime Bail Spring (patent pending) that eliminates the worry of bail spring breakage. It lasts up to five times as long as ordinary bail springs.

Other primary Accu-set features include: up to three stainless steel ball bearings—give full support to precision, high speed gearing; Autocast—ensures easy, one-handed casting, to cover more water faster; lightweight graphite construction of major body components; strong, lightweight, anodized aluminum spool; silent anti-reverse for quiet retrieves; folding handle for compact storage; and left/right hand retrieve.

For more information on the Accset and other Daiwa products, write Daiwa Corporation, 7421 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92641.

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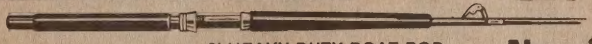

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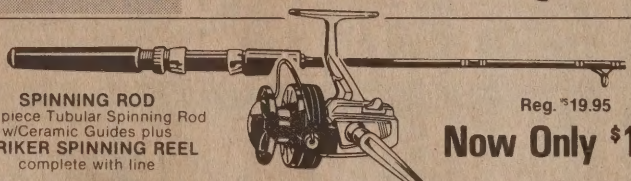

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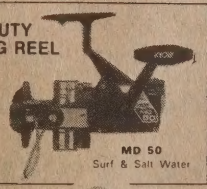

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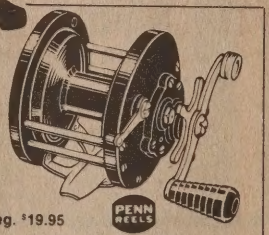

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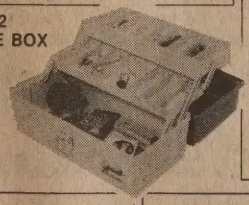

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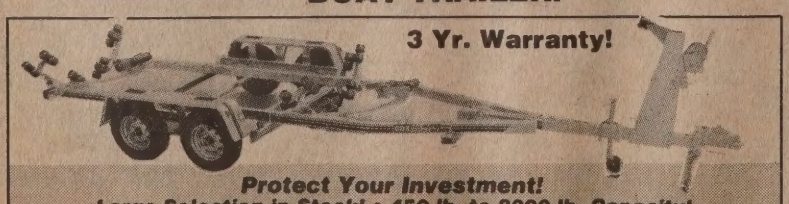

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For more information: Tru-Turn, 100 Red Eagle Road, PO Drawer 767, Wetumpka, AL 36092; (205) 567-2011.

THE BOTTOM LINE TOURNAMENT 310

The Tournament 310 fish finder/depth sounder from Bottom Line sets new performance standards for marine electronics with one significant extra. The Tournament 310 is easy to use.

Just five soft keys and a single rotary knob control the Tournament 310's range of more than 30 functions. Key labels appear on the screen for instant reference. Oversized digital readouts constantly advise anglers of depth, water temperature, speed and distance traveled. Adjustable fish, zone and hazard alarms provide even more information.

Available in 200 KHz and 50 KHz models, the Tournament 310 sports adjustable split screen zoom. The right side of the screen displays a surface-to-bottom view, the left the zoom picture. A cross-hair target cursor, a Bottom Line exclusive, determines the exact depth of specific underwater objects and distance behind the boat. Bottom Line's "Fish D'Tect" identifies fish and relative sizes. With the Tournament 310's selective discrimination mode, an angler can tune out weeds, structure or the bottom to more clearly display target fish by accessing one of seven combinations of four distinct echo strengths.

The Tournament 310's exclusive super heterodyne filter automatically weeds out motor "noise," signals from other fish finders and other interference to give the 30,720 pixel liquid crystal display superior clarity. Fully automatic operation leaves the angler's hand free to fish.

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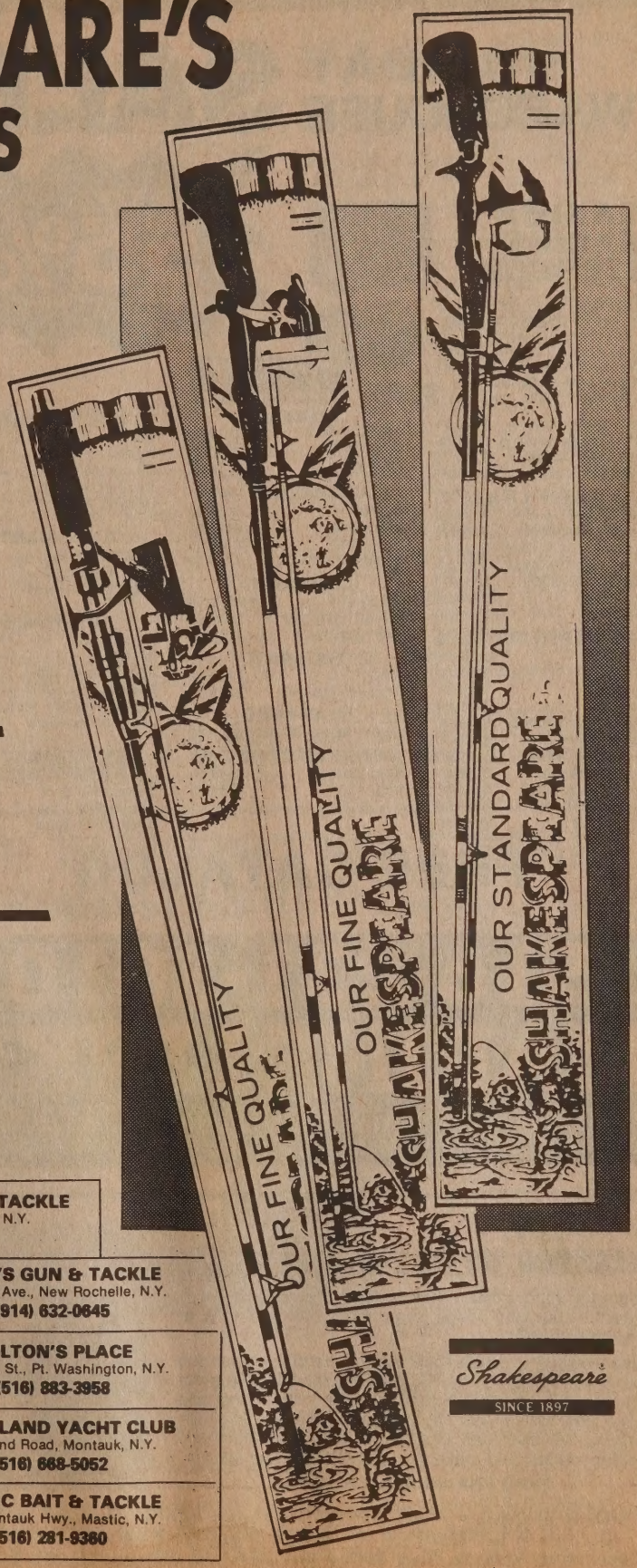

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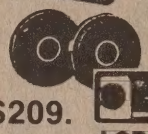

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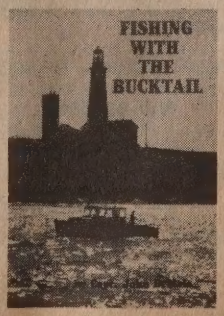

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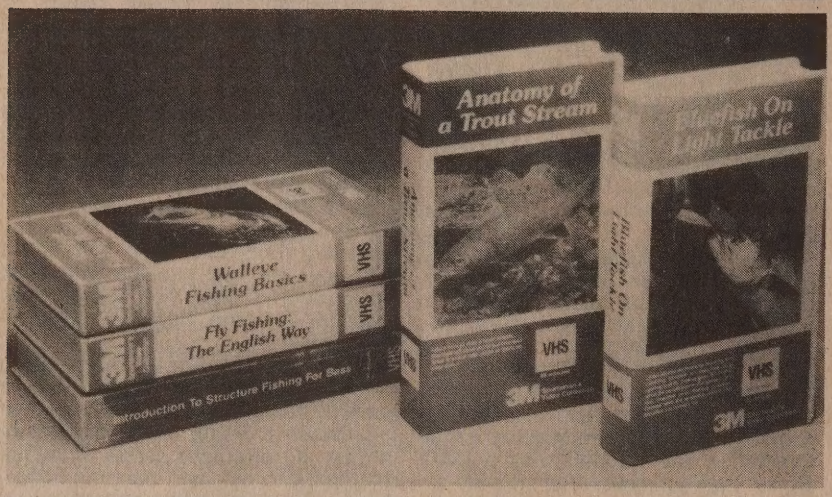

Fishing videos are prime Christmas and Holiday gifts for the anglers in any household. One reader wrote and said, "At least I don't get any more ties that I'll never wear!" And a good video can be viewed over and over again to learn special techniques of the pros or to simply warm up a cold January or February Saturday night.

Dennis Braid of California is probably best known for his outstanding fighting belts and gimbal harnesses, but he also distributes an action packed series of videos produced by Dorado in Australia with Malcolm Florence and by Travel Images with the Royal Polaris in California. The following titles are available in numerous tackle shops and from Ocean Sport Fishing, 1620 Beaver Dam Road, Pt. Pleasant, NJ 08742 and Salt Water Sportsman, 186 Lincoln St., Boston, MA 02111.

Deep Sea Fishing: Baja Coast. Travel Images.

Originally released as a 16mm movie titled "The Ultimate Challenge," this video bursts with action from the opening scene of a Penn 50W with line melting from the spool through marlin and dolphin jump shots and gut busting battles with yellowfin tuna.

This is one of my favorite videos and it always gets "wow" reviews when friends visit our house. The fishing takes place on a long range trip with Captain Frank LoPresti on the Royal Polaris as they run down to the Baja Coast off Mexico. The fish range from medium size dolphin to 300 pound tuna, including marlin and wahoo.

The cinematography is excellent and the viewer can almost feel the pain of the anglers as they struggle with big fish. There's humor, large fish, serenity and a firsthand view of how the West Coast tackle and methods catch fish. This video is entertaining and educational.

The Ribbons. Dorado Video Productions.

Malcolm Florence is famous as an angler in Australia and after watching him in several videos it is obvious that he not only enjoys his fishing, he also knows what he's doing. "The Ribbons' is steady action of a trip to the edge of the Ribbon Reefs off the Great Barrier Reef.

The fishing focuses on deep jigging and trolling with both light and medium tackle. While some of the fish are strange to American fishermen, others are familiar. One part of the video shows a stand-up battle with a 500 plus pound black marlin—a good show of angling skill and terrific jump shots that put you on the edge of the seat.

At one point a fairly large fish of about 50 pounds is eaten whole while being reeled up from deep water. The blend of big game and bottom fishing is pleasing and interesting. There's a lot of entertainment in this video.

Beginnings. Dorado Video Productions.

Here's how it all began in the famous waters off Cairns, Australia. The target fish are black marlin and they are huge. Florence takes the viewer on an excursion through history and the early greats of big game fishing who visited this superb fishing "hole" and made anglers back home in the states aware of the fishing potential here.

There are scenes of marlin in excess of 1000 pounds being tagged and scenes with some of the greats of Cairns such as Bob Dyer, Jack Erskine and John Mondora.

If fishing history matched with today's action gets you fired up, this is a good tape for any video library.

Wild Time in Paradise. Dorado Video Productions.

This is light tackle action supreme as Florence shows the viewer thrilling battles with sailfish on light stand-up tackle. The place is Cape Bowling Green at the remote end of the Great Barrier Reef and it is well known as a hot sailfish spot to Australian fishermen. There are so many sails that they actually school up and roam along the edge of the reef looking for fights.

Another special reef named Myrmidon is a stop off spot for jigging and bait fishing for bottom species unknown to East Coast American anglers. The catch is cod (not like our), red bass and coral trout. The fish are 10 to 30 pounds or so and the action is fast paced.

Beyond the Edge: Professionals at Play. Dorado Video Production.

This is one of the best in the Malcolm series as it features diving and fishing in places where fish and sharks and have never seen man before. The video takes place in the Coral Sea at a remote detached reef named Holmes.

The anglers, Laurie Woodbride and George Bransford travel 150 miles beyond the edge of the Great Barrier Reef and fish the super clear waters that only longliners previously knew about.

There are massive schools of yellowfin tuna for trolling fun and the strange dog-toothed tuna only found in the pacific. Sharks are caught and the anglers also deep jig for red bass.

Later in the video they take time to dive and explore a decaying wreck of a Japanese longliner.

Of Tigers, Sails and Crocodiles. Dorado Video Productions.

This is a 5,000 mile fishing safari like no other you'll ever see. The action starts in the remote mangrove jungles in Australian islands where hunters still use spears and the rivers and creeks harbor large crocodiles. There's an encounter with a croc that is nothing short of spectacular. An unusual start for a fishing video but exciting nonetheless.

Later the action switches to tiger sharks off Sydney for a tug of war with an 11 foot tiger fought with bottom fishing jigging tackle. High leaping barrumundi battles are exciting as are the light tackle battles with black marlin and sailfish.

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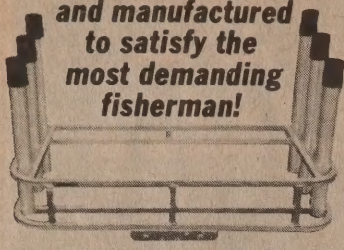

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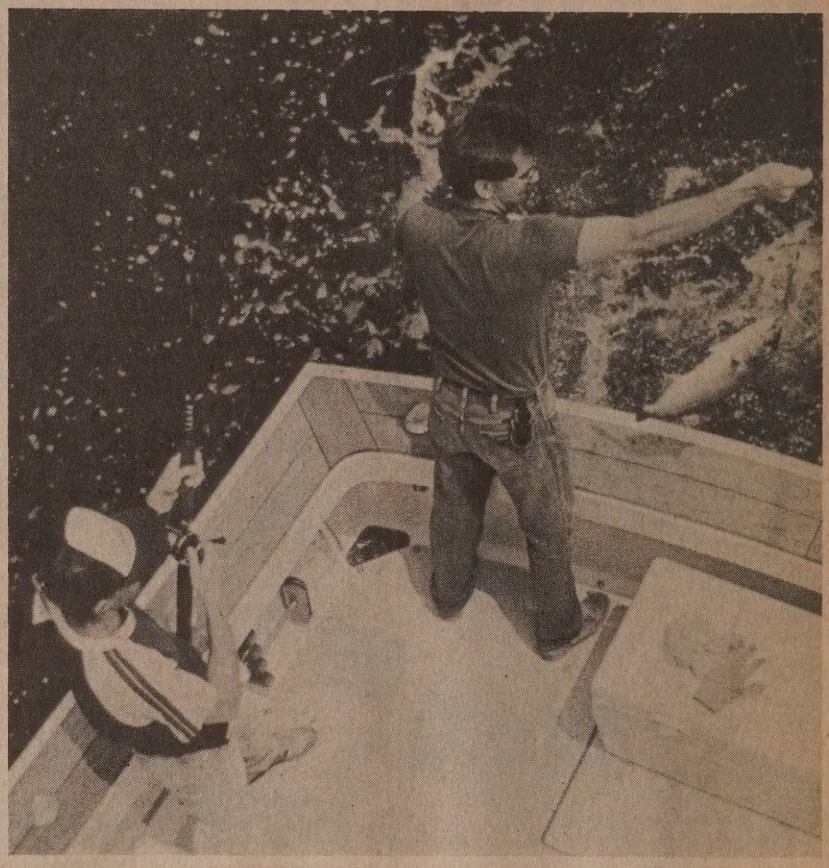

Dear Doc,

During late summer and early fall my family and friends enjoy bluefishing. We have enjoyed a good deal of success trolling Rapala Magnum swimming plugs. As a matter of preference we use 20 pound test dacron line, generally without sinkers, with a 2 to 4 foot wire leader. 1987 was an excellent year for large bluefish (most fish in the 8 to 17 pound range), although the number of fish caught each trip was modest.

Since we release essentially all of the blues caught I would like your advice on the following items. We generally swing aboard the blues, after which I sometimes gaff the larger fish through the lower lip to help with hook removal. I was told that little harm results from gaffing bluefish through their lower lip. Is this true?

As most of the fish are released, I would like to substitute single hooks for the treble hooks supplied with these Rapala swimming plugs. Will you tell me specifically which size hook and swivel is needed for this conversion? It seems to me that using a barrel swivel connected to a larger but single hook places the hook too far behind the body of the lure. By contrast, the treble hooks are close-coupled to the body of the swimming plug itself. Perhaps you will advise as to the proper size hook and related swivel, if any, for conversion of the treble hooks to the more practical single hook which aids in releasing the bluefish. *William J. Brett.*

Dear William,

You've asked a long but interesting question, especially since it is good to know that fishermen realize that conservation of bluefish is important. Bluefish may be plentiful now, but senseless slaughter of this fine fish could help make them as scarce as the once common blowfish.

First off, gaffing a bluefish by the lower jaw usually does not harm the fish. Bluefish are simply one of the toughest customers that swim in our great oceans. However, try not to

place the gaff in the fish's gills, eyes or lower abdominal area. A gaff wound in any of these areas can prove fatal to even the tough blue.

Many bluefishermen convert their lures and jigs from treble to single hooks. Single hooks not only help you to release fish but are also a plus in getting even those fish that you keep for dinner off the hook faster and with a great deal less hassle.

Hook size is hard to recommend because many parts of the country don't carry the exact same styles and sizes. There is a general rule to follow, though, that will help you select the proper size hook for the lure or jig. Use a hook that is approximately two times the size of the treble hook found on the lure. Therefore, if the treble is a 3/0, then replace it with a size 6/0 hook. My personal favorite is the Siwash 6/0 stainless steel hook. Choose a hook that does not add a lot of extra weight or is a bulky size which may hinder the action of the lure. Stop by your local tackle shop to see what they have in stock. I'm sure they'll be able to provide you with a variety of proper size hooks.

It's true that most swivels will set your hook back a bit from the lure. In this case you may want to go with the small #5 (not 12/0) barrel swivel from Rosco. To keep the single hook even closer to the lure, though, I would opt for using a split ring. A split ring won't allow for a complete 360 degree turn like a barrel swivel, but it will rotate sufficiently to withstand the twisting and shaking of even the biggest of slammer blues. Again, your local tackle shop will have plenty of split rings to choose from.

Your mention of "modest" catches also caught my eye and it looks like the main culprit here is the fact that you are using 2 to 4 foot wire leaders. Even the aggressive bluefish knows that something is not quite right when it spots a stiff piece of wire attached to the lure. You'd be better off if you would use a 6 to 10 foot length of heavy mono of 40 to 60 pound test. One important thing to remember here, however, is the fact that there is no good knot that will hold monofilament and dacron together. Therefore, the best thing to do is to use a small #5 black barrel swivel. Use a Uni or Clinch Knot to attach the dacron to the swivel and a Clinch Knot to attach the leader line to the swivel. At the other end of the leader a snap swivel works well to attach the lure to the leader.

The heavy mono leader will be almost as good as wire. Inspect for nicks after every few fish and replace if you feel or see any nicks on the leader. The easiest way to locate nicks is simply to run your fingers along the entire leader. You are probably missing out on a lot of blues because they see the wire leader. When you switch to the mono leader, you're bound to hook up with more fish. Good luck with your hook conversions. Let me know if you start hooking into more fish next season.

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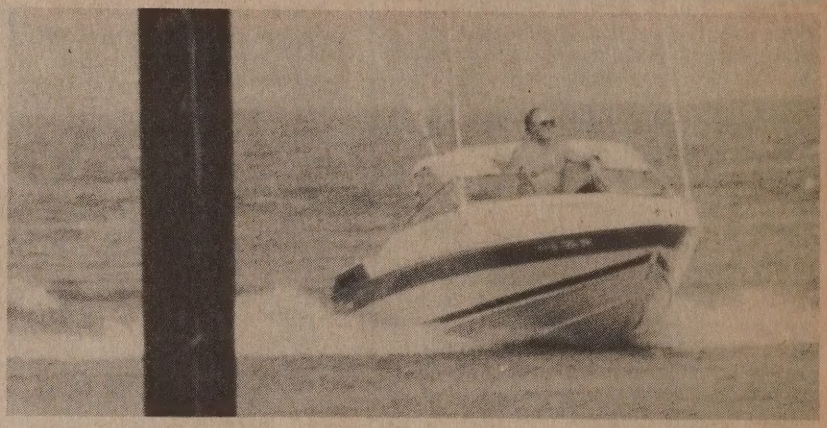

Every time I am on the water I run into problems with other boaters who don't seem to know where they are going. They cut in front, pass too close, run too slow or too fast and quite often ignore the channel markers to run wherever they choose.

Cutting the channel markers will eventually lead them to their own destruction, but these other bad habits may lead to my demise. I am particulary upset by boat operators who speed in congested waterways weaving in and out of traffic and generally creating chaos.

I wish I could report that all of these clowns were not fishermen, but unless outriggers and rod holders are the latest fashion trend on Miami Vice, I suspect many of these speed demons at least consider themselves fishermen.

You may feel helpless when one of these boats runs past at breakneck speed, but there is something you can do other than making an obscene gesture that the captain won't see anyway. You can call the Marine Police and report the offender. If you get the license number of the boat you may be able to press charges, but even with only a description the Marine Police should be able to stop the boat and give a warning. The most efficient way to report these violators is on the VHF or CB radio. Channel 16 on the VHF should be monitored by the Marine Police and the Coast Guard. Channel 9 is often used as the emergency band on the CB, but this could change, so check with the police in your area to find out which frequency they monitor.

The only way we are going to get unsafe operators off the water is to let the Marine Police know who they are.

Dear Eric,

I've had trouble with my battery since I first got my boat. Even a brand new battery will be dead by the next time I use it. I use my boat very little, but there is a complete shut-off switch on every connection.

In one of this summer's issues there was an article on battery maintenance as well as a company where one could get a booklet on battery care. I can't find this issue any more. If possible, would you please give me this address. *Paul Stahl.*

Dear Paul,

The address is Action-Pack-Super Crank, GNB Batteries, Inc., Box 43140, St. Paul, MN 55164. The book you want is "A Few Hard Facts About Marine/RV Batteries."

If your battery is dead every time you want to use the boat, I fear you may have a problem that goes beyond preventive maintenance. Something is providing an electrical path to ground that allows your battery to discharge. I urge you to get your boat to a mechanic familiar with this type of problem and have it corrected.

It is also possible that the alternator on your motor is not working properly and your battery is not being charged. Once again a competent mechanic is your best bet for correcting this problem.

With your boat out of service for the winter there should be plenty of time to have this situation corrected.

Dear Eric,

I own a 23 Mako powered by a 120 horsepower Volvo Penta diesel. The fuel tank in the boat holds 40 gallons, but I don't know if this is enough to run offshore. What do you think?

Dan Fouskas.

Dear Dan,

I think it depends on how far offshore you want to fish. Each boat and

motor combination uses a different amount of fuel. The way you operate your boat also affects fuel consumption.

To determine how far you can run on a tank of fuel you must determine how much fuel your boat will use over a set period of time. You need to know the consumption while running and while trolling if that's the way you plan to fish.

Start off with a full tank and then run the boat at cruising speed for at least one half hour. Return to the gas dock, fill the tank and compute your fuel usage with this information. If you ran the boat for one hour and it took five gallons of fuel to fill the tank, assume you used five gallons per hour.

A boat like yours will use very little fuel while trolling, probably less than two gallons per hour.

These consumption figures indicate you could run two hours offshore (10 gallons of fuel), troll for six hours (12 gallons of fuel), run back home for two hours (10 gallons of fuel) and still have eight gallons in the tank at the end of the day. This would be cutting it as close as I would like, but it you don't troll while you are offshore you will have plenty of fuel.

Please remember these figures are only examples. You must determine your own fuel usage and act accordingly.

Dear Eric,

I have a new 20 foot Grady White powered by a 200 horsepower Evinrude. My problem is a lack of fuel capacity on the boat. The tank holds 65 gallons, but I need at least 40 gallons more to run offshore to the tuna grounds.

Some of my friends suggested a bladder tank to supplement my built-in fuel supply. While I have heard of such a setup, neither I nor my friends have any idea where to purchase this type of tank. A check with several local boat supply stores has not proved successful.

Do you know anything about these tanks and do you know where we could purchase one?*Chuck Fainsbert.*

Dear Chuck,

I have not seen any of these tanks installed on a boat and, like you, I had some difficulty finding a place that sold them. I finally located a supplier, Carlisle's, 1006 Old Churchmans Road, Newark, Delaware 19702; (302) 737-0100. They recommend a product called Nauta Tank. It is made by Imtra Corporation, 151 Mystic Avenue, Medford, MA 02155, but must be purchased through a dealer such as Carlisle's.

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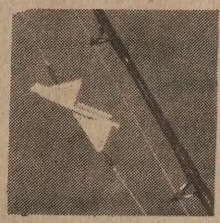

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it's Show Time

By Fred Golofaro

Just as quickly as the fishing season has slipped by, that "other" season is just as quickly upon us. Show season, as it is affectionately known around The Fisherman offices, begins in earnest in January and helps winter weary anglers ward off the ills of cabin fever into early March.

Sportsmen in our area have five major shows within easy reach and all are well attended by anglers and boatmen. In addition, the New York Sport Fishing Federation will be hosting its annual Sport Fishing Forum on Sunday, March 6th at SUNY Farmingdale. The Forum provides anglers with a tremendous opportunity to improve their knowledge and skills through a comprehensive program of lectures and workshops. It is far removed from the usual boat show routine and well worth attending.

As boat shows go, the granddaddy of them all is the New York Boat Show which now makes its home in the Jacob Javits Convention Center. If you're a serious boating angler, this is your chance to talk directly with manufacturers' reps concerning boats, engines, electronics and accessories. The show runs January 7th to 17th.

The New York National Hunting and Fishing Expo has moved up its dates this season to January 14th to 17th. The show has also found a new home which will come as good news to those tired of paying parking fees at the show's former Nassau Coliseum site. Local tackle dealers, boat captains and organizations are well represented here and you're bound to run into many familiar faces while cruising the aisles.

The New York National Sportsmen's Show was born last year at the Jacob Javits Convention Center. The goal of the show promoters is a return to the old New York Sportsmen Show of years gone by. While the initial attempt fell short, I would expect the show to improve a little more each year. It's slated to run February 4th to 7th.

The Long Island Boat Show, berthed at Nassau Coliseum, has had little in the way of fishing oriented exhibits in recent years. Even the boating emphasis seems to be slanted to the general boating public rather than anglers. Nonetheless, the show is always heavily attended and there are plenty of local boat dealers on hand if you're shopping for a new hull in '88. Show dates are February 13th to 21st.

Based at Rockland Community College, the World Fishing and Outdoor Expo runs March 2nd to 6th. This show is a runaway favorite with local anglers and offers a diverse and complete array of exhibits. In addition, there are continuous lectures by well known local and national angling experts. The show is a winner from all angles. Its only drawback is that it gets jammed. It's worth taking a weekday off to avoid the weekend crush, but don't expect to find empty aisles on weekdays either.

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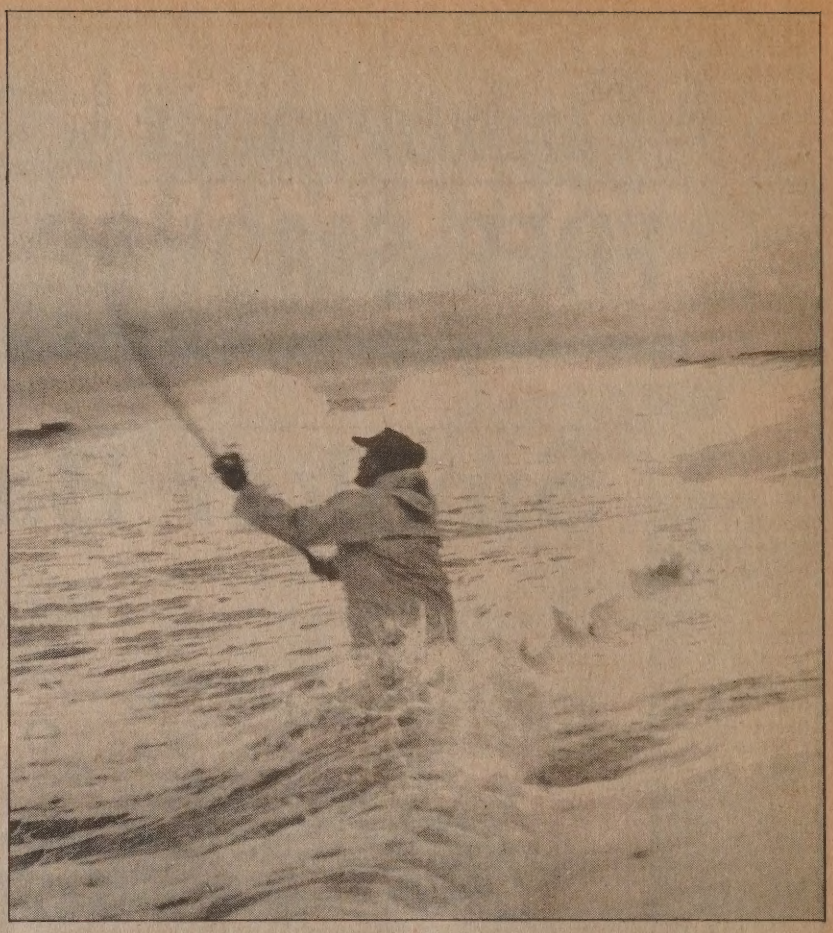
Fins:

Where Do We Stand?

By Fred Golofaro



Surf fishermen were reminded anew back in November of just how tenuous a grip we have on beach access. The closing of Fire Island National Seashore, after just two months of what was to be a six month season, did not come as a total surprise to many mobile surf fishermen. The five thousand trip limit imposed by the National Park Service back on March 10th, and defined as one way trips to the consternation of those affected by the rule, was met by mid-November.

Many beach access advocates felt all along that the 5,000 one trip limit would create problems if a good run of fish developed this fall along the seven mile stretch of FINS. As a result, many beach buggy anglers made it a point to use this stretch of beach sparingly in the early going in hopes of ensuring access for the mid to late November period.

Well, not so surprising, the quota was met. What was surprising was that it was met despite the beach being closed to vehicular traffic for 16 days during the September 15th to November 15th period. The closures were a result of the Rhizome Rule which shuts down the beach when the surf approaches to within 20 feet of beach grass due to storm or moon tides.

Also, a survey of Long Island Beach Buggy Association members, as well as the memberships of several area surf clubs (Patchogue Fishing Club, Great South Bay Anglers and East End Surf Club) whose members regularly fish FINS, revealed very limited use during the fall of 1987. Some of the members consciously avoided FINS because of the quota, others simply found better fishing in other areas during September and October.

So, given these factors, it was surprising that the quota was met in such a short period of time. Keep in mind too, that the 5,000 one way trips are designated for hunting and fishing use only (the quota was used up before duck hunting season even opened).

At a November 19th meeting with FINS superintendent Noel Pachta and chief ranger Don Weir, and attended by myself, John Fritz (New York Sport Fishing Federation), Fred Lotz (U.M.S.), Bob Lucchesi (LIBBA), Ralph Doerrie (LIBBA) and Tom Kehlenbeck (LIBBA), a different picture arose.

Figures provided by the National Park Service revealed a dramatic rise in beach vehicle trips during the period in question. During 1986, recreational beach traffic accounted for 537 trips in September, 549 in October and 2320 in November. This year, 1243 trips were recorded in September, 2370 in October and 1278 in the first 11 days of November. Sorry folks, but surf fishing, while certainly gaining in popularity, is just simply not recruiting new casters at that rate and particularly those with four wheel drives. The obvious question then is why the big increase?

Neither Noel Pachta nor Don Weir pretended to have the answer. The first question one has to ask is were the same counting procedures instituted in '86 and '87? Both gentlemen assured us they were. One has to wonder though if park personnel haven't been a little more diligent since the revised vehicle regulations with its 5000 trip limit went into effect on March 10th.

Another possibility is use by non-fishermen. Mr. Pachta acknowledged that the checkpoint is not ideally suited to a thorough check of vehicles for fishing equipment. He informed us that changes are in the offing for next year so that a more efficient check-in procedure can be maintained. The possibility of non-fishermen making use of the beach this fall is all the more realistic when one considers that adjacent Smith Point Park was closed to beach vehicles for much of the fall. Smith Point maintains no restrictions on use so it is possible that four wheelers unable to gain access to Smith Point, instead turned their attention to FINS. It's also worth noting here that there is no charge for the FINS permit.

Despite all of the above considerations, the fact remains that surf fishermen lost access to miles of productive shoreline at what would normally be the height of the season. Ironically, that freak snowstorm of November 11th sounded the bell on the surf season with very few exceptions. But what of next season? There is no denying that beach use is on the increase and if the current regulations maintain the status quo, this situation will repeat itself in '88.

Some of the suggestions considered to help remedy the short term problem include daily vehicle quotas, better enforcement of the fishing/hunting clause with the addition of an improved checkpoint, opening the beach on October 1st rather than September 15th, restrict entry to beach to prime fishing hours, and

more stringent equipment requirements to discourage non-fishermen and hunters from obtaining permits.

Keeping in mind that the 5,000 trip figure was based on average use over a 10-year period and the current increase in recreational use along with population increases, it would seem obvious that the long term solution calls for an increase in the current quota.

If you're wondering why a quota to begin with, be aware that there are some major environmental organizations that are applying constant pressure to the National Park Service to ban 4X4 use at all National Seashore parks. Their most recent efforts resulted in the closure of 17 miles of prime fishing beach at Cape Cod National Seashore. The institution of the quota here was in part, a compromise between their demands amid threats of a lawsuit to our demands for beach access.

The ignorance displayed by some of these "conservationists" is astounding. The only image many of them have of 4X4s is a decked out pick-up busting over the dunes. They remain ignorant of the fact that groups like LIBBA work hard to eliminate such abuses. They also overlook the fact that organizations like LIBBA do far more good for the beach through projects like Operation Christmas Tree than they will ever do. Most of these do-gooders are so far out in left field that they are still unaware that prudent use of a vehicle on the beach has zero to do with erosion.

While we are on the subject of ignorance, nothing galls me more than someone who lives hundreds of miles from the coast and who makes little or no use of the resource dictating our beach access rights. The only thing that makes me madder is that the National Park Service gives in to their demands.

A recent article and editorial in Newsday displayed their ignorance by describing LIBBA as a group of dune buggy enthusiasts. The editorial in question further states that we might "hike a ways" to enjoy our sport. It just so happens that some of the best sport occurs at Long Cove, just a short hike of 7 miles or so from the parking lot. It goes on to imply that more access is synonymous with dune erosion. I won't even address that one.

Prudent beach vehicle use rests with education and proper enforcement. Reducing or restricting access is not the answer to a growing population in dire need of a healthy outdoor experience. Surf fishing provides that experience.

There are other meetings on tap concerning FINS and we will do our best to keep you informed. We will also be asking everyone to do their part to help ensure continued access to our beaches. It's time we become the squeaky wheel. And, since ignorance seems to be our worst enemy, it would seem the time has come to educate some of those morons on the other side of the fence.

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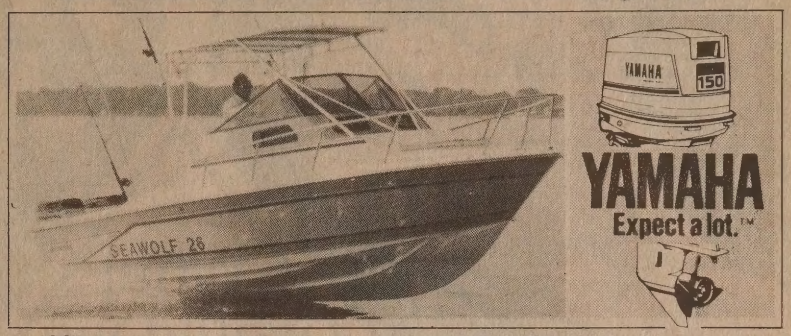

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What would we do without bluefish?

Bluefish Alert!

By William A. Muller

I have overheard a number of interesting comments over the last few months. These comments have been passed along in diverse places: tackle shops, on the beach, and at the docks. For example, one fella was complaining that it was hard for him to catch snappers for livelining aimed at weakfish. Another fisherperson responded: "What, are you crazy? There's plenty of snappers, I've been catching them all fall!" Another said, "Wait, he may have a point. Usually in September when I cast small plugs for bass in the evenings, the snappers drive me nuts; but this year, in fact for the last few years, I haven't been bothered by them."

Well, the debate rages. At first blush it would seem that there has been no change in the bluefishing. Charter boats and party boats continue to slaughter the fish at diverse places from Cartwright at Montauk, to Patchogue Grounds, to New York Bight, off the Jersey Coast, in Delaware Bay, off the shores of New England too, as well as many rivers, harbors, and small bays.

However, first glances can deceive. Because we are catching plenty of blues, does that mean the fishing is as good as it had been? I caught more blues this fall from the beach than I ever have, yet I do not conclude the bluefishing is as good as ever because a look at my log shows that I fished more days, and invested more hours each trip to achieve the success I had. In other words, I've increased my fishing effort, thus increased my catch, but my catch per unit effort is down.

Yet, these are observations; some casual and others not so casual. Is there any sound evidence on this issue? Yes! The National Marine Fisheries Services as well as other state environmental agencies have been sampling bluefish stocks for a number of years. Let me explain how these are done. Regardless of the fishing gear used—but it is typically some form of dragging—an identified number of locations are sampled each year and in the same way. These samples are taken at the same time of year as well. In other words, known bluefish locations are repeatedly sampled under controlled conditions. Although there is a margin of error, the error is relatively small and the more samples that are made, the more reliable the data.

These sampling devices and approaches have been ongoing for years, and thus the data base has become quite reliable. These data show something very interesting. First, North Atlantic bluefish stocks appear to have peaked about 1979 when the biomass of these stocks was about 1,200,000,000. The biomass of bluefish has been declining steadily since then and by 1986 reached a level of about 400 million pounds!

Even with a 10 percent error one can easily see that bluefish stocks are declining precipitously. If that fact doesn't scare you, then there isn't very much information that can cause you to sit up and take notice. You can't wish these numbers away either, as a figment of government imagination. **These numbers are real!**

As a result, the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council is considering and will probably pass a 10 bluefish per day bag limit. Yet fishermen need to do more than this because such a bag limit will still result in the slaughter of too many blues. In addition to the fact that recreational fishermen are harvesting about 25 percent of the bluefish population annually, recruitment, or spawning and survival success, has been down. Thus we (recreational fishermen harvest about 90 percent of the bluefish catch annually) have been taking out of the water more blues than nature is putting back right now.

High PCBs, a strong taste, poor freezing qualities and a glut of fish seasonally means that bluefish are worth a lot more in the water than they are dead!

The data tells us it is time for strong conservation methods. Can you imagine what fishing life would be like without big bluefish? It is a possibility we may have to face, if we fail to conserve. It has happened before to bluefish. It wasn't too long ago that a 10 pound bluefish was a cause for celebration. I'm sure many of you have not been fishing long enough to remember such a state of affairs, and believe it or not, there was also a time when there were few bluefish of any size.

Yes, it is true that finfish are cyclical in abundance and the numbers of bluefish probably always have and always will fluctuate. However, large populations of any sport species should not be a reason for wanton killing and careless use of the resource. An abundance can mean great fishing for decades if we use the resource wisely.

Clearly, at this time the Atlantic bluefish stocks are declining, and at an alarming rate. Clearly, weakfish stocks have already hit the skids and although because of harvest restrictions stripers have been somewhat more available the last few years, their numbers are still depressed and there has been no sign of significant successful reproduction in the principal spawning areas of the Chesapeake complex. Therefore, the big blues are all we really have to work with as an inshore game fish. We must be careful how we use this stock. I don't think we want to be guilty of that which we accuse commercial fishermen: overexploitation of a resource.

If the blues continue to decline, there are a lot of expensive boats and boats that will not be sold, tremendous quantities of tackle that will never be moved and a slew of four wheel drives that will go up for sale. Without lots of blues, neither the sport nor the industry will be the same.

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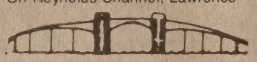

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Christmas Joy

By Eric Burnley

Christmas time. Oh joy, oh joy, oh unbridled joy. Sometimes my excitement over this holiday reaches such a fevered pitch I almost forget that I won't be fishing again until April, that the worst winter weather is still ahead and while everyone else living north of the Mason Dixon Line will visit Florida or the Caribbean between now and spring, I will have to tough it out against the elements due to too much work and not enough money. To give you a rough idea of my disposition at this festive time of year, my wife has a poster that reads "Dickens may be dead, but I married Scrooge."

One of the things that really bugs me about Christmas is the useless gifts you get from your family and your friends. People who do not fish and know that you do can find some of the most unusual presents to present you with on Christmas morning.

You would think that your wife and kids could find something useful and desirable to give you on Christmas, but it doesn't always work that way. My wife will ask what I want for Christmas, then go out and get something completely different. She feels if she gets me what I ask for it won't be a surprise. I can't tell you how surprised I have been on several Christmas mornings.

The kids do pretty good. They try to find something I can use or they have noticed I have need of. Things like key rings made at Boy Scout Camp, a block of wood that says "Fathers Are For Fixing Things" and candy that I somehow never get to eat.

There are two categories of gift givers that seldom hit it right: your in-laws and the people where you work. These folks can be very creative when they try to get you something for fishing.

There is no easy way to help people with their shopping for your gift. You must use the direct approach.

If they have a lottery system for selecting who gives who a gift at work, find out who has your name and give them a list of gifts such as hooks, sinkers, line or other small but useful items and where to purchase them. If you take the quiet approach you will end up with some stupid gag gift, a box of handkerchiefs or a bottle of cheap wine. Do not feel as if you will hurt the gift giver's feelings. He or she will appreciate your suggestions because it solves their problem of shopping for you.

In-laws are another story. If you are lucky your brother-in-law or father-in-law will also enjoy fishing and be able to pick out something you might need or use. On the other hand, you may have in-laws who play golf or consider a TV football game the ultimate in sport. It is almost impossible to combat this situation and you are sure to end up with a book by Arnie Palmer or a New York Giants coffee mug.

Depending on how well you know your in-laws there is one possible method you can use to avoid embarrassing moments when the gifts are opened. Call your brother-in-law or father-in-law and suggest a switch. Tell them to buy something they really want and wrap it up with their name on it. You do the same and when the

gifts are opened everyone will be happy. Your wife, your sisters and your mother-in-law will really be impressed with how well you guys seem to know each other and a generally harmonious holiday will be ensured.

This same type of philosophy will not work around the old homestead. Here the problem is convincing the wife to break loose with enough funds to make a significant purchase. Hooks, sinkers and line may be all right from the folks at the office or the in-laws, but from your wife you expect considerably more.

It is the least she can do for you after all the good things you have done for her during the past year. There were all the times you left home at 4AM and came back at midnight with either a box of fish to clean or an exciting story about your day on the water and how you managed to drink so much beer while catching so few fish. Women really enjoy those stories.

Then there was the time you took her with you on the head boat. It was a little rough and cold, but not that bad for February. She probably wouldn't have gotten sick except the guy next to her was eating cold pizza, drinking beer and chewing tobacco all at the same time. You couldn't tell for sure what he was spitting, but when it hit her in the face she lost her interest in fishing. These are the times that bring a husband and wife close together.

And finally there are the kids. It's not all her fault that your daughter wants to be an interior lineman for the Jets and the scouts think she has a chance. So who could figure your son would join a religious cult. At least you get to see him at the airport when you fly down to Florida for some bonefishing at the Keys. You tried to show them the fun of fishing, but they marched to a different drummer.

Now, in appreciation for the fun filled, wonderful life you have provided for your bride, the least she can do is spring for a new fish finder, a graphite surf rod, a Loran, a set of four 20s, four 30s, and four 50s with matching International reels or if you have been a very good boy, perhaps a 25 foot center console complete with twin 200 outboards and a galvanized trailer. After all, she has been working at the sweatshop all year and what else does she have to spend her money on other than groceries, rent and heat.

Finally let me put you wise about this Santa Claus character. It's beginning to look to me like this guy is not doing his job. Every year I watch "Miracle on 34th Street," I write Santa a letter describing in detail exactly what I want and I have even gone so far as to hang a pair of panty hose in Loni Anderson's size on the mantel, but all the old boy puts in them are fruits and nuts. While I am discouraged, I am ever hopeful that Santa will deliver because even I do not live on fishing alone.

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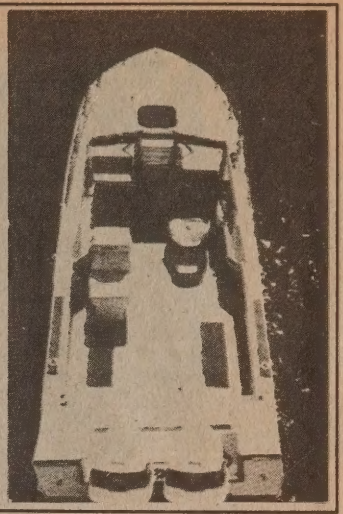

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Travel Log

By Dick Mermon

Florida, along with its excellent salt-water fishing opportunities, also offers some of the finest angling around for the largemouth black bass. The black bass intrigues a great many transit and resident fishermen each year, as it inhabits every river, lake, pond, canal and brackish water within the state. Sometimes I believe that if a puddle of rain water remained longer than one week without evaporating, largemouth bass would take up residence within it. However, the body of water rated as the best possible chance of catching a trophy size largemouth, is Lake Okeechobee.

Each and every one of Florida's lakes are shallow in depth compared to those bodies found in other states. When Mother Nature began fashioning Florida's lakes, she must have been exhausted from her efforts in the north and merely inserted her thumb lightly into this sandy soil, leaving shallow impressions to fill with water. Although Lake Okeechobee is vast in size (about 32 nautical miles across), it is less than 15 feet in its deepest location, except when heavy rains occur. At such time, the level is then controlled by flood gates which drain off the excess, preventing abnormal conditions. There are approximately seven of these flood control canals surrounding the lake and even these can be fished for bass.

Lake Okeechobee is a year-round playground for bass anglers, but it is the winter and spring which produce most of the trophy-size fish. During the summer, when it becomes hot and humid, bass do their primary feeding in the early morning before the sun has a chance to heat things up. After sunrise, the fish seek shade and

Lake Okeechobee

penetrate deeper into cover, making it difficult for an angler to draw them out to strike. Also, with the hot, humid weather conditions come severe thunderstorms which build quickly and race across the lake. Dangerous lightning and strong winds can cause the lake surface to erupt with white water. The short spaces between the whitecaps become very difficult to maneuver in and the only way to get out of the difficulty is to run the "pig trails" (narrow paths cut in the weeds by boat traffic). Traveling within these calm fields of slightly submerged weeds is easy and will keep you out of harm's way.

With the lake being so spread out, one would think a large bass boat of some type would be necessary. It is a comfort, but not really necessary. On a calm morning, I found a small johnboat convenient when the fishing location was close to a launching ramp, like Eagle Bay. Since the area was overgrown with weeds, brush and some trees, it was necessary to "flip" the lure into open pockets within the mass of structure. I found the black Producto Vibrator worm, with its flattened tail extremely effective when combined with a heavy lead bullet weight (at least 1/2 ounces in size). This took the worm down through the trash and well below where the bass were holed up.

There are 16 launch ramps available to bass fishermen who wish to trail boats to Lake Okeechobee. Six are located along the northeast side of the lake: Okeechobee Public Access; Indian Prairie Access; Big Bare Beach Access; Harney Pond Canal Access; and one at the town of Lockport, which leads out to one of several fine bass locations called "Monkey Box." On the northwest side of the lake there are four boat launch sites: Taylor Creek Access; Nubbin Slough; Henry Creek Lock; and the Port Mayaca, which is a canal leading to the St. Lucie River. Four boat ramps can be found along the southeastern shoreline: Canal Point Access; Paul Rardin Park; Belle Glade Park; and South Bay Park Access. There are only two ramps available on the southwest shore: Moore Haven Lock and Dam in Moore Haven, and Clewiston Recreation Access, in the town of Clewiston. The latter happens to be the residence of Roland Martin and the marina he owns. This launch ramp is also close to another bass producing location with several islands called "Spoil Islands."

Choosing a good location within such an enormous body of water is rather difficult, but there are several well established areas where largemouth bass seem to congregate throughout the year. First off, it is the combination of slight dropoffs and weed edges that hold the fish during the winter and spring. Look for indentations in weedbeds and along the edges of upright cattail reeds. Also within the channels between weed patches which lead into open water with some slight type of cover, such as small leaf lily pads. One of the most outstanding areas that produces quality bass was mentioned previously, "The Monkey Box," near Bird Island on the western side of the lake. "John Widden Pass" is another excellent location, found near Bird Island. In the same sector is "Twin Poles," which are simply two poles protruding from the water. All of these locations are easily reached from the launch at Lockport. The Monkey Box and Bird Island are about five miles from shore, but care must be taken when returning, for there are no buoys to be guided by, only land markers. A slightly shorter run is possible from Big Bare Beach Access area, running east to the "platform," then south to the "twin poles," and then into the "Monkey Box" region.

There are several other locations which have been labeled as "big bass producers" of Okeechobee. Situated in the lake's northwestern area is "Tin House Cove," which is about a half mile south of the grass canal. Here, the identation of a pasture-like area forms a finger protrusion, where the bass hang all along the inside sector.

Southwest of Tin House Cove, are two more bass areas, called "Worm Cove" and "Horse Island." Close to the shoreline are scattered mini-islands. However, most often they are obscured by high cattail-like walls and only knowledgeable bass fishermen know the exact passageway into the open waters surrounding the islands. When the lake's water level is slightly high, the bass maneuver into the shallows of the islands, between the walls. It is a difficult place to find, but one well worth the effort.

The lake's scenic section is its southeast sector, where Kreamer Island is located. In the shallow part of Pelican Bay, there is a pass which is the best of the areas and is timely called "The Pass." A number of oversized bass have been taken from its waters and they still have not been depleted in numbers. Furthermore, the weeds and pads are quite thick, requiring the angler to employ heavier line than is normally used.

Two other fishing locations located in the lake's extreme western portion are "Moonshine Bay" and the tip of "Observation Island." These have been favorite "fishin' holes" of some of the pros when seeking Ol' 'momma bass during her spawning period.

Since the lake is a shallow basin, bass seldom change their feeding

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locations. They merely move in and out of the weeds and cattails. The old standby still remains the soft plastic worm which seems to be the favorite enticement as long as there is no surface feeding activity going on. Some of the best colors to use are black: black-grape in the new tiger-snake style and a black-firetail. Recently the color that has come on strong is blue, with a blue sparkle inside.

If surface activity is observed, buzzbaits and spoons are employed over the sub-surface weeds. They are rapidly retrieved, then permitted to stop at open holes, allowed to descend slightly, then brought in fast once again. White skirts are the first choice on these lures, but chartreuse, yellow and even black are known to excite. As for crankbaits, shallow running lures which are cast parallel to a weed line and cattails produce most of the strikes. Lures, such as Rat-L-Traps and Spots are the best of the shaker type of artificials, whereas the Hog Boss, Bang-O-Lure and Rebel minnows are best for the swimmers. Color choice in these artificials is black/silver, black/gold and brown with an orange belly.

Live shiner fishing is THE most effective method of catching a wall hanger in Lake Okeechobee. It is almost a sure-fire bet that a live shiner, forced to swim beneath a patch of floating grass will entice a big fish to attack it. To keep the shiner from tangling with bottom weeds, a float is employed. Recently, most of the live baiters have turned towards an inflated balloon rather than a cork or styrofoam float. However, my personal bobber is a small, flat piece of styrofoam, sliced at both sides towards the middle with the line wrapped about it inside the cuts. When the bass takes the bait, the hook is set and the foam float breaks in half, freeing the line from any possible tangles within the weeds, or cattails.

Available to the visiting angler who wants to be certain of catching bass, there are several guides who work the big lake. Several charter out of the Clewiston Marina, which is owned by Roland Martin, 910 Okeechobee Blvd., Clewiston, FL 33440; (813) 983-8930; Jesse's Guide Service, Okeechobee, FL 33474, (813) 467-0775; Murry Moore Guide Service, 905 9th Drive, Okeechobee, FL 33472, (813) 763-4296, and C. Scott Driver Jr., 353 Washington Lane, Okeechobee, FL 33472, (813) 467-1270.

"Okeechobee" is from the Seminole Indian word for "Big Water," and big it is, along with being dangerous at times. Sudden electrical storms can arise; cattail reeds fashion walls that could confuse an angler as to the whereabouts of his or her location and there are no floating buoy markers to indicate channels. Shoreline markers and identifications are the best navigational points, along with an accurate compass. Still Lake Okeechobee is the place to find that lunker largemouth.

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Pilgrim's Progress

By Matt Ahern

I sat relaxed, my mind far away and deep into Jack London's masterful tale of "The Sea Wolf," when the jangle of the telephone snapped me back to the present. It was Artie Leidecker, my long-time friend and fishing buddy.

"Watcha doing tomorrow?" he asked. "Wanna try for some cod?"

What a question to ask a confirmed codfisherman.

"Good," he said. "Meet me at daybreak on the dock. We'll take the Echo."

The Echo is Artie's pride and joy—a neat 30 footer.

"Oh...yeah," he added. "One other thing. We'll have a pilgrim aboard. Never caught a fish in his life. Nice guy."

"So? Maybe it's me, Artie, but you sound as if something's wrong. Yes?"

"I don't know. I did a damn fool thing. In one of my weaker moments I promised the guy a cod."

"Good luck to you, feller," I replied, and hung up.

I wish I had the fishing confidence of Artie Leidecker. I've found from personal (and sad) experience that one of the fishing facts of life is never, never promise fish to a fellow fisherman—especially a beginner; and more so does this apply when codfish are the target. Who among us can foretell how fish will act from day to day? Nobody, I suppose; unless, maybe, it's a guy like Artie—the best codfishing buddy a guy could want.

Well, anyway. The next morning found me aboard the Echo. I was immediately introduced to Al Dunn, Artie's pilgrim of the day. Al was a nice guy, all right. A gentleman from the word go. Quiet, unassuming and very eager to catch codfish. He had all the markings of an apt pupil.

"You know," he said, "for a long time now, Artie's been telling me about all the fish you guys catch. I figured I'd give it a shot."

"And has he told you about the times we don't catch fish?" I asked as I tied my rod to the low rail around the stern. "Artie's a great kidder, you know. But we'll see what we shall see."

I didn't relish putting the damper on the guy's spirit, or anything like that. But I wasn't anxious to get in the middle of something that might backfire. I'm always happy to see new fishermen join our ranks, of course, but I dislike seeing them become so disappointed that they never return.

This sad state of affairs usually happens when the novice is told by some unthinking fellow angler that all that's required is to put bait on the hook, lower it to bottom, and the fish will immediately commit suicide. Experienced fishermen know this embarrassment of riches rarely happens. Beginners easily become discouraged when the fishing turns sour; especially is this so as they watch others catch fish and see their efforts go in vain. I didn't want this to happen to a nice guy like Al Dunn.

But at the moment my main concern for Al was seasickness. I needn't have worried, though, for as we came out of Jones Inlet and headed for the bell buoy, we found the sea calm enough, with a zephyr-like northwest breeze barely stirring the surface. For a mid-December day, it was ideal.

Artie decided to try the Cholera Bank first, and if this didn't produce, we'd try one of the wrecks in the vicinity. A bushel of skimmer had been put on board the evening before, and as we made our way through the sea, I opened and sliced into bait-size pieces what I figured would be sufficient for the day. The remainder I placed aside for chum.

When I finished with that finger-nipping chore, I explained to Al the basics of codfishing and hoped the quick rundown would help him connect with a fish or two. As it turned out, I needn't have concerned myself. He did fine. We were the guys who had problems.

Our first drop on Cholera proved a dud. Bergalls—and more bergalls. They really appreciated Al's bait. I cautioned him not to flail away at the pests because that only aided them in their larceny. But as most beginning fishermen will do when confronted with such a situation, the temptation proved too great. The knowledge that there really were fish down there was too much and most of his time was spent rebaiting his hooks.

We made another drop and succeeded in catching a few horned dog-

fish, which amused Al no end until one of his victims evened the score by using its spines to good advantage.

But every dark cloud has a silver lining, or so I've been told, and the fact that we were catching doggies heartened Artie and me to the extent that there might possibly be a cod or two about. There might have been, but we couldn't prove it.

"This is what you get when you promise fish," I chided.

But this time we succeeded. At least, our pilgrim did. He connected with the first cod, a fish of about 12 pounds. He followed our coaching to the letter. He took his time bringing up the fish and allowed it to exhaust itself in stages. He was cool as the proverbial cucumber. He didn't even become excited when Artie leaned over the rail and drove the gaff home. Only when the fish was decked did he allow himself to become ecstatic.

"How about that, guys! How about that!" he repeated while removing the hook. "I really caught this fish. You guys sure know what you're doing."

I looked at Artie. He looked at me. As both of us had yet to catch a cod, I didn't know exactly how our happy fisherman meant that.

As far as his promise went, Artie was off the hook and he didn't hesitate to give me one of those "I told you so" looks. "Get the chum going, ye of little faith. Maybe we'll get a few more."

Two more cod were decked, both about the same size as the first and so help me, Al was the guy who caught them. Artie had one sad-eyed ling to his credit; I didn't even have that. I began to look upon our pilgrim with a jaundiced eye. I was convinced that either this was some sort of gag cooked up between them or our pilgrim had the making of a great fisherman.

Sporadic chumming failed to produce another cod and when the dogfish threatened to climb aboard, we pulled anchor and headed for the Steel Wreck.

Al and I took advantage of the warm cabin and as we sat across from each other sipping coffee, I offered some advice. "Before you fish this wreck, remove the bottom hook and place the top one a little higher. About 3½ feet will do. That bottom hook will only draw bergalls and there aren't enough ling around to make it worthwhile. Most of the blacks are small on this wreck at this time of year, and when you fish blackfish, that's a whole new ball game. This isn't the time to go into that. Oh—have a good grip on your rod because there are some nice cod on these wrecks."

He had been more or less dozing, but at these words he perked right up. "How big?" he asked, as he reached for the Thermos.

"Over the years, from some of these wrecks around here, Artie and I have caught a few close to 40 pounds."

"Phew! Maybe I'll get lucky."

"Yeah," I replied. "I got a sneaking feeling that might be so."

Artie placed us on the outside of the wreck and when I had the anchor over, I walked back to the stern and positioned myself between my partners. It didn't take long to get action. And at day's end, four more cod had been decked. I had one about 10 pounds, Artie had one about 15 and you-know-who nailed the other two—both being larger than ours, averaging around 20 pounds apiece. We spent several hours on the wreck site, but those four were all we could manage.

On the way in, I showed Al how to clean and fillet cod. He picked up the method in short order and I let him work on the last two in the fish tub. He did a good job of it and I began to feel quite proud of Al Dunn.

Al's been out with us several times since. He's yet to be skunked—he's a hard man to beat. I mentioned this to Artie at the conclusion of one of our trips. "Old Al, here, really's come up in the fishing world," I said.

He draped a friendly arm over Al's shoulder. "Yeah," he said. "I know. I guess you might say he's no longer a pilgrim."

Al picked up the 30 pound plus cod he'd taken that day. "I guess you might also say that's real pilgrim's progress. Thanks, guys."

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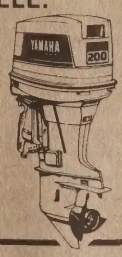

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Christmas by the Sea

By J. Chad

You can come in for Christmas, come in from offshore and if there is a little snow on the ground and the air is crisp and cold, then it's not so bad. Then all the decorations on the streets and in the shops and even in the bars picks you up a bit.

And the carols that are being played everywhere—on the streets, in the stores, even in the bars. They are not so bad, either. They, too, can pick you up a bit, warm you inside a touch even though inside you are feeling a little cold and lonely and more than that: a little depressed. Depressed because it's Christmas time and home for you is some place inland. Some place you haven't been in years. And some place you are not going back to because it's some place where you are not understood and no longer welcomed in.

But of all the times of the year it's this time that Jack Bell thinks about it. Not just **that** home, but a home! Not a bunk on a trawler or an offshore lobster boat or a bed in a dingy little room that is part of a second rate building on a dirty little side street. But a HOME—a place which is more than somewhere to sleep and stow your gear

And if you can come in for Christmas from offshore and its raining, cold, raw, bone-chilling rain, then it's bad. Depression added to depression and all the decorations and all the carols on the street and in the stores and in the bars make it worse.

So he walks from the ship, hat down, collar up, against the rain to the dirty side street and the second rate building. And once in a dingy little room he drops his canvas bag in the middle of the floor. He takes a long hard pull from the whiskey bottle sitting on the bureau, then stares out of a streaked and smudged window at the rain and wishes this time were over and he was back at sea.

He pulls at the bottle a couple more times, then flops down on the bed and sleeps awhile.

When he wakes up it is late in the afternoon, beginning to get dark, he washes up and changes clothes, then heads out. Not because it's Christmas Eve and he wants to be some place or with someone, but because, outside of the whiskey, all he has put into his belly was a couple of cups of coffee and a cold piece of haddock at the start of the day.

Last minute shoppers abound and there is a lot of hustle and bustle on the streets. The rain still falls, feeling colder now as the December night takes over. Along Second Street, across Adams, past the square over to Beacon and halfway down to the neon sign proclaiming "Casey's."

The place is pretty crowded, but most who are there are just in for a belt or two and handshaking and "Merry Christmas" wishing. He finds an open spot at the bar and when the bar maid gets around to him he orders a double, puts some American greens on the damp wood in front of him and tells her to try to keep him "topped off" and asks what is worthwhile eating today. Later he forces his way through a bowl of chili and wonders "if that was worthwhile, what was the stuff that wasn't?"

A couple-three of the regulars are pretty well mellowed out, laughing and singing Christmas carols. It's not a question of feeling good, it's a question of feeling no worse than you have to. So he leaves after eating. He needs to buy some bread and cold cuts, whiskey and beer for tomorrow anyway.

A loaf of Wonder Bread, a package of baloney and another of cheese at a

little deli. It's getting colder now, the rain has changed to snow and the stuff is beginning to slush up along the curb edge of the street.

Two doorways down from the package store he comes across old Andy, resident wino and derelict. The man's eyes are sad and vacant. He buys two six packs and two bottles of rye. On the way back he stops at the doorway and hands the man one of the bottles.

"Some good stuff for you, Andy," he says. The old man makes no reply, only looks at him eye to eye and something in the old derelict's eye warms Jack and makes him feel good inside.

It's getting slippery underfoot and that, coupled with the bags he is carrying and the whiskey he has already consumed, causes him to slow his pace and step carefully as he retraces his steps back towards his room.

At the corner of Adams and Second Street he comes across a bell-ringing Santa standing beside a collection kettle and beside that a teenage boy with great disappointment on his face. The boy leaves and walks slowly and sadly away as he approaches.

He asks the man in the red and white suit what was depressing the child so and is told the boy was asking for money from the kettle so he could buy his young sister a doll she badly wanted, knowing their parents could not afford it.

"Did you think he was trying to con you?" he asks.

"No," the Santa replies, sadly shaking his head. "It's a large, poor family and the boy was asking in earnest."

"If I had the money myself I would have given it to him," Santa adds, "but taking it out of the kettle just couldn't be done."

He slips and drops the bag of groceries hurrying down Second Street after the boy. The damp paper splits when it hits the pavement. Meat and cheese stay on the sidewalk, while the loaf of bread bounces into the gutter slush.

He squashes the bread in with the whiskey and beer, jams the package of meat, then the package of cheese into a jacket pocket, catches up with the young man and gives him what folding money he has left in his pocket. A twenty, a couple of crumpled up tens, and a few singles and a five.

"Buy your sister a doll," he says, "and if there is anything left, buy something for your mom and dad."

In a surprised and uncertain voice the boy thanks him, but more is said by the expression on the face and in the eyes and that warms him and makes Jack feel good.

He returns to the Santa, throws all the change in coin that he has left in his pocket into the kettle. "I'm all set for tomorrow," he says to the surprised looking Santa. "Got my whiskey, bread and beer," he adds in a sarcastic tone. "and hopefully I'll be back on rolling water A.S.A.P. after tomorrow."

He turns and begins to walk away, stops and turns back to the man in red. "One-twenty-seven Acorn Street...you get another kid with a problem, you come knock on my door.

It is a knock that wakens him on Christmas morning. A knocking at his door. Fuzzy-tongued and hung over, he stumbles out of bed, for he had done a little more drinking in the solitude of his room last night. He steps over his canvas bag, twists the knob, and swings open the door.

Uniforms! Uniforms are the first thing he sees and his still not-too-clear mind attempts to run back last night and search out what he had done wrong. Not police, and he realizes it. And not two men, but a man and a woman. And the uniforms are that of the Salvation Army.

He is greeted with smiles and "Merry Christmas"—both of which he replies to with a blank stare. Then it dawns on him...the Santa...the Salvation Army. "The money," he says, "hang on a minute and I'll get it for you."

"We are not here for money," one replies, "but to ask you to join us for Christmas dinner."

"Look, I don't need any hand outs; you want some money, say so. Otherwise, leave me be," he curtly informs the two.

"We would like you to come and share some of Christmas with us, nothing more," the woman says, a touch of hurt in her voice.

"Thanks, but I'm fine, well and good, right here where I am," he replies and shuts the door.

"Damn do-gooders," he says to himself, opens and down a beer to ease some of the hangover hurt. "Just because **they** need to be with people they figure everyone is the same."

The first one was for pain; the second for pleasure. He opens another beer, sips it and stares out the window. The world is white and bright before him. The rain that had changed into snow the night before had continued on and now a white cover lay about the town and a bright sun sparkled on it.

"They probably figure there is something wrong with me being up here all alone on Christmas, probably makes sense to them in the way of things."

"Been all alone for awhile now," he states to himself. "Nothing wrong with that, nothing at all," and then to reassure himself he walks to the dirty mirror on the bureau and looks at his reflection.

Later, washed up and shaved, he leaves the room. He walks along Second Street, across Adams, past the square over to Beacon. On Beacon he walks past the sign proclaiming "Casey's," continues onto Laurel, turns left at Third Street and stops at another sign. A large red one in the shape of a shield. He opens the door beneath it and walks in.

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New Twists to Codding

By Martin & Janet Garrell

Somewhere in the heart of every fisherman lies the urge to try new ideas. Yet when it comes to innovation, sinker bouncers on party boats have to be ranked well below surfcasters and even further below the plug slingers and fly fishers who ply their trade on lakes and streams. Probably the most conservative of all anglers are the winter hardies who sail for cod. After all, although today's cod specialists use rods and reels instead of handlines and monofilament main strands instead of woven fibers, terminal tackle for baitfishing, namely the arrangement and dimensions for high hook-low hook rigs, is precisely the same as that employed 250 years ago by commercial hook and liners on the Grand Banks and off Georges Banks.

Still there's always the urge to try something new when fishing becomes monotonous. When nothing has happened on the boat all day, you want some technique to wake you up, hoping the fish will wake up too. When fishing is spectacular, you might want to see if those bottom dwellers will jump on something different, something that will add to your bag of tricks on some future trip.

In the late 1960s we found ourselves living in Hamburg, West Germany, with a supply of bright red plastic worms, the predecessors of the strawberry and raspberry worms of today, dutifully transported from the states. Although the big worms had no use for European freshwater fish like pike and perch, North Sea cod seemed to love them. On days when we wanted extra excitement, we'd rig them as teasers off a small three-way swivel a couple of feet above the "pilker" (Norwegian Vike jigs in sizes to 6 ounces). Trouble was that the bottom around Helgoland was really rocky. It was easy enough with light spinning gear to lift the 4 to 10 pound cod that nailed the jigs clear of the crags and crevices, but those that sucked in the worms would frequently hang the jigs after a few seconds of free swim. Even in those days, using Vike jigs as substitutes for breakaway sinkers was an expensive proposition.

On Long Island waters today, are anglers using any new or different techniques for cod? We posed the question to a number of local skippers and got some thought-provoking answers. Al Lindroth from the **Captain Al** out of Point Lookout pegged the success of experimentation closely to water temperatures and the presence of bait. "Early in the season, with water temperatures high (above 45 degrees) the fish are lazy and you'll find them tight to the bottom. Later on when herring and mackerel come through, cod will swing off the bottom." Lindroth said that anglers using strips or fillets of these baitfish often caught cod more than 20 feet from the bottom; in fact, active cod were sometimes taken by anglers simply "floating" or streaming skimmers without much lead well behind the boat.

Lindroth felt that "the further east you go, the more experimenting is done." He's right, of course, probably because diamond jigging lends itself to experimentation and because springtime cod are so vulnerable to jigs when feeding on sand eels and other baitfish. But not only in spring! On a February day in Captree, we were impressed by the number of rods in the cabin of the **Captain Scotty 3** that were rigged with red-tailed diamond jigs and fluorescent or cherry red surgical tube-teasers set off on droppers above the diamonds. George Tweedy told us that more anglers should pay attention to the way cod scatter whenever a big party boat comes into an area and anchors up or sets up for a drift. During those first few minutes when skitterish cod are filtering back into that zone, those who can flip out a long cast with a flashing jig and work the jig and teaser combination close to the bottom may be rewarded with a few fish even before the cod jump on the clam baits. Incidentally, according to Charlie Kennedy of the **Captain Joseph VI**, the Captree sharpies may also be substituting red jelly worms for surge tube teasers this year, because the jig-worm combo has worked so well on the **Viking Fleet** trips from Montauk to Georges Banks.

How about baitfishing tricks? "Years ago," said Captree's Kennedy, "there were wreck fishermen who were specialists. They wanted no part of open bottom fishing. They'd often fillet a bergall and use that for bait in the form of strips or chunks."

Steve Forsberg of the **Viking Fleet** liked that idea. "Fillets help, especially when the bergalls are around, driving you crazy with the clams. Pieces of fish aren't too bad, but the problem is that you almost always bring the doggies around."

Canadian cod anglers are completely oriented toward Norwegian jigs and chunks of fish as bait because skimmer clams are unavailable. On a trip off the Canadian coasts last summer we were fascinated by the differences in rigs as well. Instead of surge-tube teasers, simple 6/0 bucktails in white, yellow or red were the choice on dropper rigs. Unfortunately we didn't get much of a chance to compare Long Island's Ava or sand eels jigs plus surge-tube or worm teasers with the stubby pilker-plus-dropper flies, because we were blown out on a couple of trips in areas where diamonds are a cod's best friend. One can assume that our neighbors to the north know what they're about and that their rigs probably imitate herring as well or better than ours.

Baitfishing is another story. With gadids numerous and aggressive, sinker rigs are merely suspended a couple of turns off the bottom. Fishing in St. Margaret's Bay with Ray Boutillier's **Fluff 'N Puss**, anglers use three or more 6/0 hooks baited with chunks of frozen mackerel and tied at intervals of 12 to 18 inches above a pyramid sinker. This bobbing rig attracts the cruising gadids; in fact, to make things even more attractive, the hooks are gold beaks

Ellen Kendall took this cod on a teaser fly and squid strip combo.

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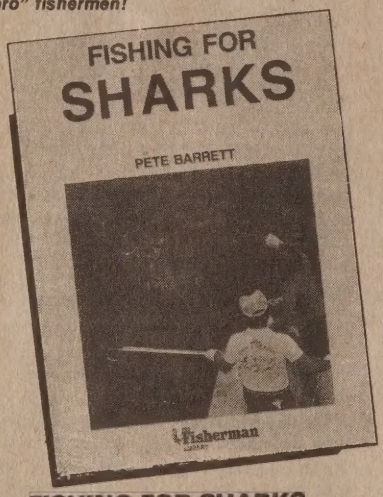

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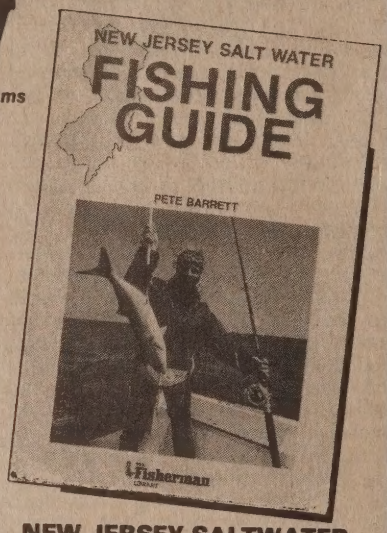

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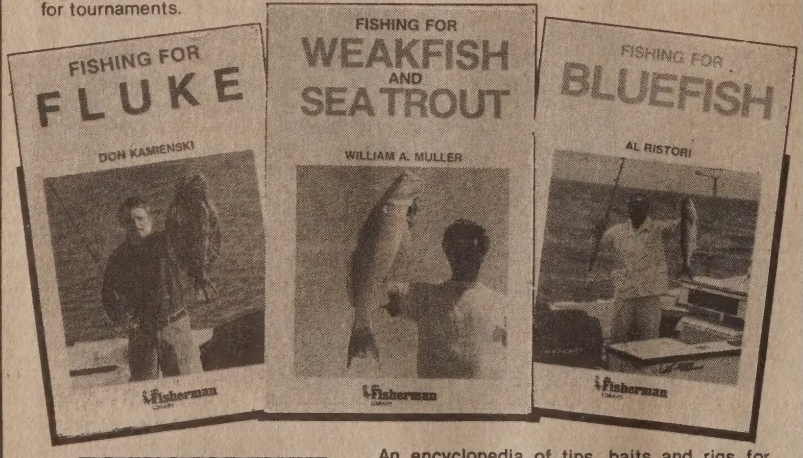

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with stubs of red tubing slid onto the shanks. Such hooks might freak out Long Island's conservative cod, but they might work on some days, too.

On one trip into St. George's Bay with Bob Reid's **Happy Time Charters**, Jan caught a couple of squid on a Norwegian jig, and we distributed fresh squid strips around the boat. The fishing was poor that day, but most of the cod were taken on dropper flies tipped with squid rather than plain droppers or jigs. The moral here is that you never know exactly which bait is most tempting to a cod's keen sense of smell. Incidentally more information on Canadian codfishing with details on where to go will appear in a piece early next year in The Fisherman.

Editor Fred Golofaro has suggested trying live bergalls as offerings to tempt a real "soaker." Because of the pressure difference between bottom and top in the water column, you'd have to haul the bergall up carefully and lower it slowly, and maybe even prick its bladder with a hook or the tip of a knife in order to keep it lively. This cunner, presumably a fish of 1/4 to 1/2 pounds, might be hooked through the lips on a 3/0 to 5/0 Sproat and fished on a 2 to 3 foot snell off a three-way swivel a few feet off the bottom. A Florida rig with a heavy egg sinker on the main strand just above a barrel swivel could also be employed. The baitfish and leader would be attached to the other side of the barrel and the sinker would be lifted a few turns off the bottom for the best feel. Presumably a mid-sized cod would need some time to take this bait; the angler might want to try a 10 count or at least bow to the fish, fluke-style, before trying to set the hook. Reeling up a lively bergall, we once lucked into a 12 pound pollock, so there's no reason why a live bait shouldn't work as well for cod. Still, none of the Long Island skippers we talked with recalled seeing cod intercept whole bergalls on the way to the surface. You pay your money and you take your chances on this one!

The real problem in trying highly experimental new techniques or unusual old techniques is statistical. With only a handful of bites on a normal day, you don't want to be riding the wrong horse at the critical moment. Unless you can ignore the guys on either side of you as they set up on fish while you wait for a strike on your off-beat rig, maybe you should play it safe and stick with skimmer baits.

Of course, if you are fortunate enough to get a couple of fish ahead, why not experiment? Someday on a trip when I've got a few cod in my cooler, I'd love to rig up my favorite all-round combination, a 2 ounce bucktail tipped with a little strip of bergall or a jelly worm (or both!). Who knows? If old whiskers doesn't laugh herself or himself to death and instead gloms onto the rig, I might have the makings of yet another cod article next winter.

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By Capt. Pete Mikoleski

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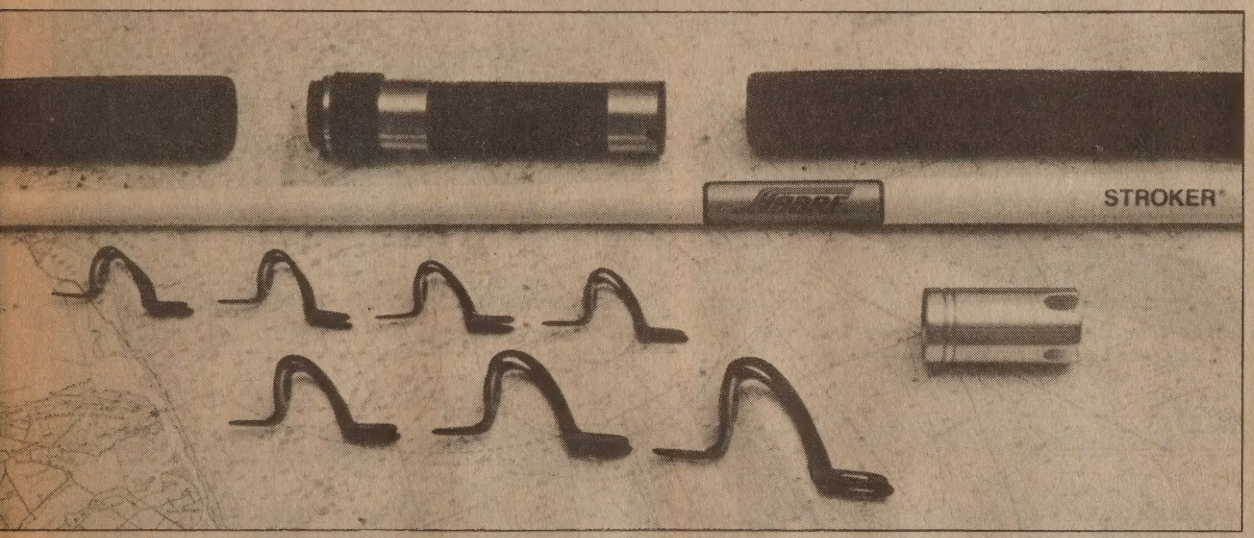
All of our shark/tuna rods are based on the Sabre Stroker 655XXH blank

which is 5½ feet long and rated for lines between 50 to 130 pound test. They are available in both white (as a concession to us East Coast folks) and the standard honey colored blanks and should retail for around $45 to $50. If you have trouble locating these blanks, give Merrick Tackle a call (516-781-7766); they usually have some in stock. Next you'll need a 10" long by 7/8" diameter foam rear grip and a 14" long by 7/8" diameter foregrip. A size 24 Fuji graphite reel seat and an Aftco aluminum gimbal completes the list of components for building the grip. I just want to mention that we have used the graphite reel seats on all of our own rods and have never experienced any problem with them as long as you use the clamps that come with the reel. The graphite reel seats are much lighter than the machined ones, something you'll learn to appreciate after you've been tethered to a big fish for sometime.

The same basic rod building techniques that you've been reading about the last few weeks are all you need to build this shark/tuna stick. Find and mark the spline of the blank. Then the aluminum gimbal is the first component to go on the blank. First the butt end of the blank will have to be turned down a bit for a good strong fit. This is easily accomplished in a few minutes time by placing the blank in your rod wrapping motor as you normally would to wrap the blank. Now your rod building bench is used like a lathe to turn down the diameter of the butt of the blank utilizing some coarse sandpaper. You'll know when you have attained the correct fit when the gimbal fits almost completely on the blank without glue. The addition of some slow drying two part epoxy will lubricate the end of the blank for a perfect fit. Just make sure you line up one of the slots in the gimbal with the spline of the blank. Once the gimbal is in place, lubricate the blank and epoxy the 10 inch foam rear grip in place. Don't be stingy with the epoxy while building the grip section on this rod! Now three bushings for the graphite reel seat and epoxy into place. Don't forget to align the reel seat with the spline of the blank. Now finish building the grip section of the rod by lubricating the blank again and epoxying the long 14 inch foregirp into place. Check the alignment of all the components one more time and set aside to dry overnight.



You're going to need 7 guides plus a #14 Fuji BRHT tiptop to handle the radical taper of this blank. One #20, two #16s, and four #10 guides. If your rod is going to be used on sharks most of the time you should go with a set of Fuji BRHG trolling guides. If you plan to do a lot of tuna fishing with this rod I'd recommend a set of Aftco roller guides, but only if you'll swear to me that you'll maintain them diligently and make sure you keep them rolling. Bear in mind that a roller guide that doesn't roll is totally useless on any rod.

Use the following spacing recommendations as a guide, but check to be sure should any adjustments be necessary. The first guide should be 2¾" from the tip; the second 5½" from the tip; the third 8¼" from the tip; the fourth 11¼"; the fifth is 1/2"; the sixth 22½" and finally, the seventh 29½" from the tip. Because this rod is designed to catch more than just tommycod in the pond, I'd suggest you triple wrap all the guides. This is nothing more than the usual underwrap, plus two wraps, one on top of the other on each guide. Use "D" or "E" thread and pick three complementary colors for a pleasing wrap design. A diamond wrap always adds the finishing custom touch. Epoxy your tiptop in place and color preserve your rod with at least three coats of color preserver. The final step is a generous coat of Flex Coat clear rod finishing epoxy and now you're ready to do some serious stand-up blue water angling.

We have a set of Penn International 30s spooled with 50 pound test black dacron line on our own custom shark and tuna sticks. However, a 4/0 or 6/0 Penn Senator or similar class reels would also go fine on this rig. In order to take full advantage of all the lifting power you can get from one of these rods, a quality gimbal belt and kidney harness is a must. These accessories coupled to a stand-up rod allow you to use all your leg and back muscles while trying to tame that unruly shark or tuna.

A Plug Bag

By Tim Coleman

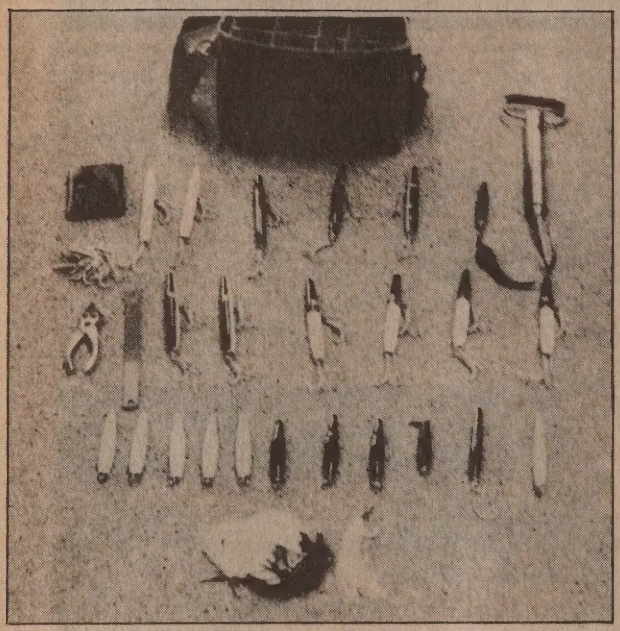


Photo One: Author's plug bag holds various Needlefish plugs, scale, extra hooks, file, leaders.

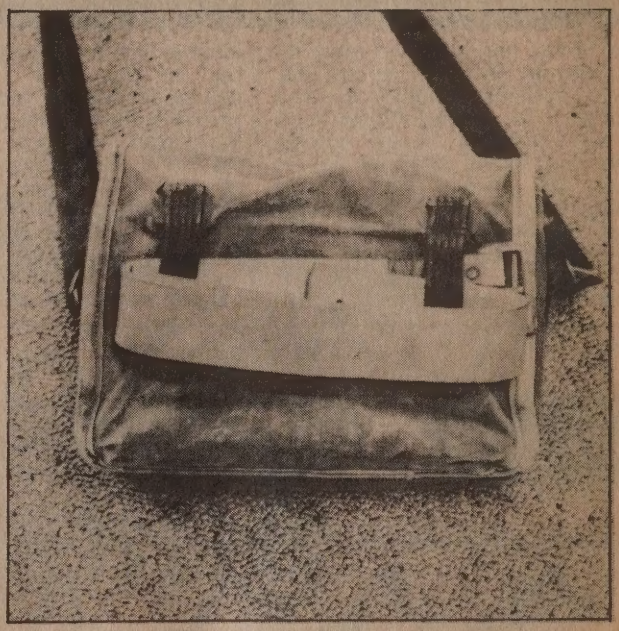


Photo Two: Old work belt on back of bag can act as stringer in a pinch yet is out of way.

Photo Three: Sixty pound Chatilion scale fits on top of plugs to weigh, then release most bass.

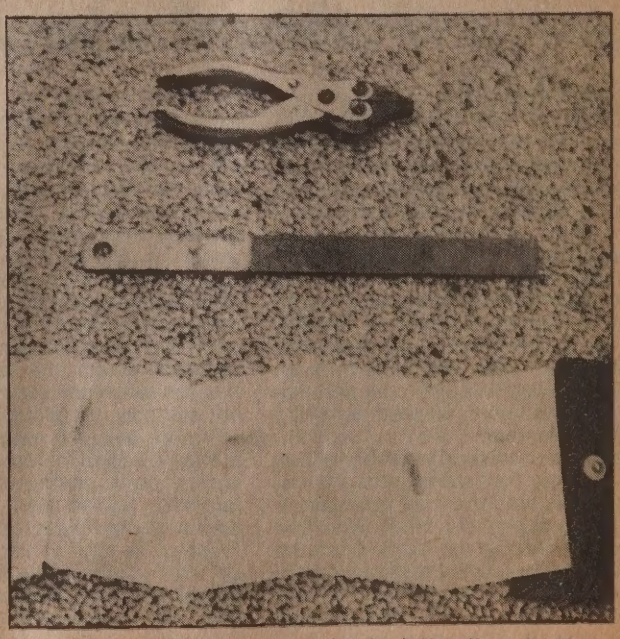


Photo Four: Three accessories include pliers, hook file and photo wallet to store leaders.

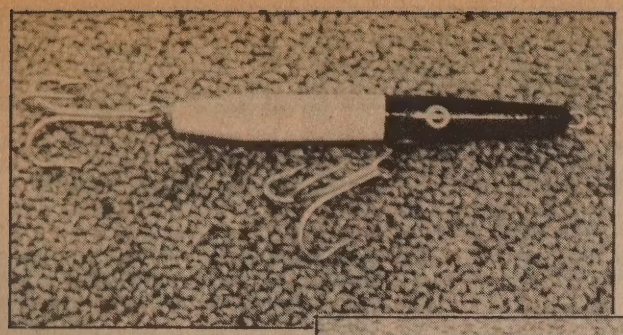


Photo Five: Homemade Needlefish is painted black and white to use on either bright or dark nights.

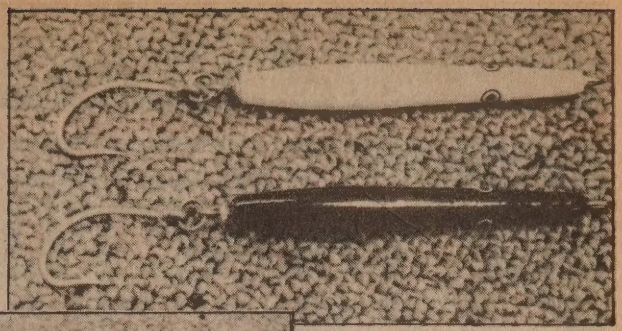


Photo Six: Homemade plug measures under 4 inches yet is wired through. It's ideal when big fish are taking small bait.

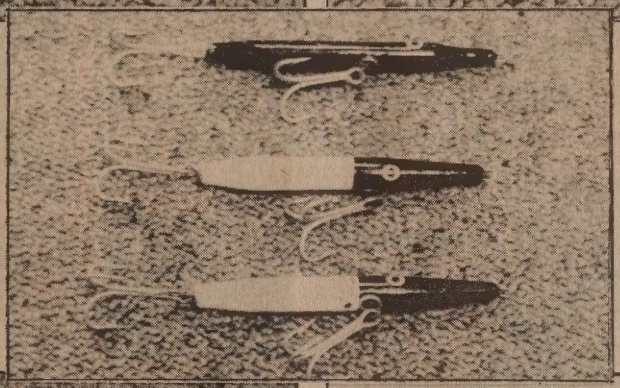


Photo Seven: Same length Needlefish but each is weighted a bit heavier to cover different surf conditions.

Photo Eight: Author's favorite plug for big bass is the single hook Needlefish. Extra hooks with feathers are carried in plastic ziplock bag.

Photo Nine: Single hook Needlefish plugs fit into compartments normally reserved for tins.

Photo Ten: Extra treble hooks are carried in one section of the metal divider.

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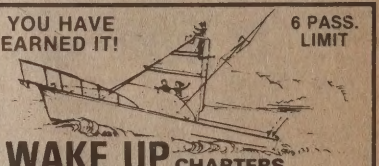

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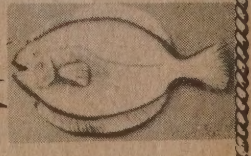

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

When the winds abated late this weekend, a winter fishing picture was developing. Blackfish, cod and mackerel are prominent in the fishing news. However, angler interest has switched to holiday shopping or other winter sports.

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Capt. John DeMaio was very encouraged by the excellent catch of blackfish on Sunday's charter on the **Vivienne**. Although sea conditions were not to anyone's liking, Carl McCritton and his friends Bob and Bob Jr. returned from a trip to Cartwright with 53 blackfish and 10 cod, with Carl hauling in 25 blacks and 4 cod alone. Capt. DeMaio remarked that a new body of cod has moved into Montauk waters, along with plenty of bait since a few of the cod took diamond

Tom Rothwell and his son with dad's 48 lb. striper, taken aboard the Montauk charter boat, "Blue Fin IV." The big striper took first place in Montauk Marine Basin's Full Moon Tournament.

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jigs. The blackfish, caught on green crabs, averaged 6 pounds, with five of the fish over 10 pounds, the largest 12 pounds. Encouraged by this catch, the Vivienne will stay in the water chartering until Christmas.

The store at **Gone Fishing Marina** will remain open all winter. Major improvements to the facility are in the works, with more slips, improved parking facilities and other renovations planned for spring. Capt. Tom and Maureen Sennefelder and the staff wish their customers a Happy Holiday Season.

Cod and blackfish were brought into **Montauk Marine Basin** by the charter boats still fishing. Carl Darenberg, Jr. extends holiday greetings to our readers with a reminder that the store is open daily and has a wide assortment of warm clothes for winter fishing, and clocks and barometers for Christmas gifts.

Capt. Michael Potts reported good catches of mackerel and cod last week on **Bluefin IV**, and plans to fish until the end of the month.

Capt. Steve Mauss of the **Kraken III** will begin fishing on April 1st for spring cod and suggests calling early for best charter dates. Meantime, he wishes all of his customers a Happy Holiday Season and a bountiful New Year.

Walter Bohnenberger called us with the exact weight of the huge flounder that he caught on last weekend's **Viking** Georges Banks codfish trip. The flattie weighed 6 pounds 14 ounces on a certified scale. Walter has applied for a Fisherman Skillful Angler award for this one!

Strong southwest winds kept the catch down on last Wednesday's **Viking** blackfish trip and gale force winds cancelled Saturday's scheduled trip. However 55 anglers enjoyed a great catch on Sunday, with an actual count of 623 blackfish caught on two anchor drops. Kiki Ando caught 27 blackfish including the 12 pounder that won the pool. A trio of anglers in the bow, Tony Pret, Barry Gourdoras and Phil Crosso counted 65 blacks in their cooler. John and Carman Szugyi took 36 blackfish back to the Bronx. Because of this great catch, blackfish trips will be scheduled to sail every Wednesday in December and also the weekend of December 19th and 20th. Phone reservations are suggested.

The last two Georges Banks trips of the season are scheduled to sail Friday, December 11th and Saturday, December 26th. Reservations and deposits are required. Call the **Viking** office for information.

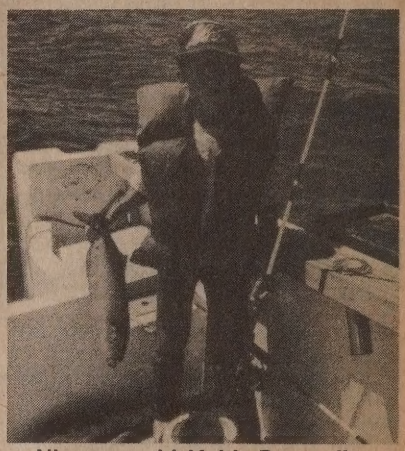
Only fishing report from **Captains Cove Marina** concerned a good catch of mackerel on the marina based boat "Pepi II" on Saturday, with a half dozen small cod included in the catch. Jackie, speaking for the marina, wishes all of our readers a Happy Holiday Season. The marina will close December 20 and reopen March 1st for the fishing season.

SOUTH FORK

Sal and Bob Fava braved the seas to fish the Bridge wreck on Saturday, returning with 20 blackfish, a small cod and one mackerel, according to Thom at **Speck's Bait and Tackle**. Otherwise, there was not much action in the fishing arena. Anglers might try Three Mile Harbor for flounder, since unconfirmed rumors of catches have come from that area. Quogue Canal usually produces a few flatties on mild winter days; however, watch out for duck hunters here. Thom Speckenbach wishes his friends and customers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

A chat with Rick Parisea over at **Altenkirch and Son** revealed that a few small flounder were caught in the Shinnecock Canal during the week, most of the fish weighing between 1/2 and 3/4 pounds. Large flatties, some 2 and 2½ pounds were caught between the Basket and Ponquogue Bridge. However, numbers are scarce, since best catches have been only 6 or 10 per trip. The store will be open all winter, daily until the end of December. Call for store hours during the winter. Look for the store display at the New York Boat Show!

Diehards Dee and Joe Eisinger fished on Sunday afternoon on their boat "Haleakala," trying for flounder in Heddy Creek. The pair returned to **Sherry & Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** early, since the winds prevented proper anchoring. The crew at the marina extends best wishes for a Happy Holiday season and a bountiful New Year.



Nine-year-old Keith Berry displays his first ever bluefish. It was caught back in August outside of Moriches Inlet.

The television program, L.I. Fishing, will be aired all winter on WLIG-TV (UHF Channel 55), at 10:30PM Friday night, repeated Saturday mornings at 10AM. This program is picked up on most cable systems (except Cablevision); check your cable guide for channel number. Call me at (516) 928-1347 to report your catch on TV. For a free UHF loop antenna, drop me a line at P.O. Box 620, Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776.

Al "Feathers" Flexer tried a few spots on the weekend in search of white perch. Twenty-eight perch, mostly mediums, but a few one pounders, were located at Bergen Point, along with a 12 inch largemouth bass which was released. No perch were found at the next two stops, Argyle Lake and East Creek at Burnes Park. However, at Sunken Meadow State Park Al located 26 perch, while Bill Wroblinski and his son Chris caught 16. On Sunday, Al started fishing at 8:30AM at Sunken Meadow Park, catching 57, keeping 40 in a two hour fishing spree. Fred Messemer, Frank Buck and Eric Renz each caught over a dozen, releasing all.

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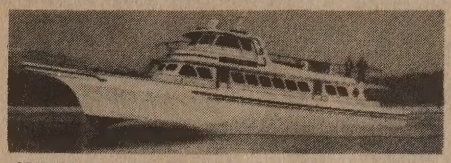

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South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Despite all of the wind on the weekend, there was some good news on the codfishing front. The Captree open boat fleet enjoyed their best codfishing of the year and prospects look good providing the weatherman cooperates in the weeks ahead. Flounder news was as scarce as its been all fall though Gilgo in the State Channel continues to be mentioned. The Jones Beach Piers also remain a pretty fair bet at this stage in the season. White perch have been keeping shorebound anglers busy at Sunken Meadow and in the tidal creeks from Connetquot east through Patchogue and Bellport. On the freshwater side, there are plenty of trout available in the tidal reaches of the Connetquot. Most are small but here and there a 16 to 18 incher finds its way into the action.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Dennis Scognamillo at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** knew of a half dozen flounder picked at the Blue Point Town Dock on Sunday by a couple of anglers. Walter Touey worked one of the local Patchogue Docks this week and and managed a few flatties. White perch continue to entertain some anglers. Ten year old Nathan Sluiter teamed with his uncle Neil Sluiter to take 25 perch and a 2½ pound trout from one of the local creeks on worms. Boat news has been nil. Dennis asked that we extend Seasons Greetings to all of the shop's customers and remind them that they will be open all winter long.

Dave Canale, speaking from **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** told of looking over a 14 pound rainbow (steelhead) taken by Richie Simmons of East Islip during a recent trip to the Salmon River. Locally, lots of small trout continue to keep anglers occupied at Bubbles and Rattles. A couple of fish in the 16 to 18 inch range were checked in over the weekend. Rich Kenehan continues to do a number on white perch in the Connetquot. He had 40 one day this week up to 1¾ pounds on nightcrawlers. Dave reminded that the shop will continue to stock nightcrawlers through the winter for trout, perch and even flounder fans. He and Rod also extend Seasons Greetings to all of their customers.

At **Islander Canvas Bait and Tackle** in **Oakdale**, Bill Hand reminded that they are now all set up in their new store and invites everyone to stop in and say hello. On the fishing front, lots of small trout being taken in Bubbles Falls on nightcrawlers which the shop is stocking. Talk of a few

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flounder off of Heckscher but not much else going on according to Bill.

Now for some good news. Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Captree** based open boat **Speedy VIII** passed along news of some fine codfish action this week. Sunday saw 17 fares aboard the Speedy VIII total 150 cod along with quite a few pollock. This despite plenty of wind and a rough ocean. The Speedy VII totaled 60 cod for just 12 fares on Sunday. Back on the VIII, Steve Van Dorf took high hook honors with 19 cod while Bill Beckmann put away 10 cod to 35 pounds along with several pollock. Speedy noted that the boats managed several 70 fish catches during the week.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** had nothing but praise for the codfishing on those days he was able to sail. Thursday and Saturday each saw over 100 cod come over the rails. Sunday's catch was estimated at 95. Most of the fish are in the 4 to 6 pound class with some to 10 pounds mixed in. Pool fish this week ranged from 30 all the way up to a soaker of 52 pounds. All of the action remains concentrated on wrecks.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen II** also filed a good cod report. He said that on Sunday, 17 fares accounted for 45 cod with Tom Meltz taking high hook honors with 6 fish, including a pair of 27 pounders. Pool fish checked in at 34 pounds with most of the fish falling into the 6 to 8 pound range. Gordon also concentrated his efforts on wrecks.

From **Captree Bait and Tackle**, Bobby Sprenger noted that once the cod boats leave, there is not much in the way of fishing activity. The only exception has been the Jones Beach Piers which attract quite a few anglers on nice days. They have been taking some flatties here too. A reminder that the shop will be open to some degree on Friday, Saturday and Sunday during periods of good weather. Bobby noted that he will have worms for this weekend along with skimmers for cod hopefuls.

John Gattuso at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** heard talk of some flatties being taken in the State Channel at Gilgo during the week. A few flounder being picked from the dock near the Babylon Town Pool. John noted that they too will have worms for the weekend. The Babylon Tuna Club's Annual Cod Derby finally got off the ground after two consecutive weekends of being cancelled. This weekend was not much better as strong winds kept most private boats in the barn. Ray Seagren did manage

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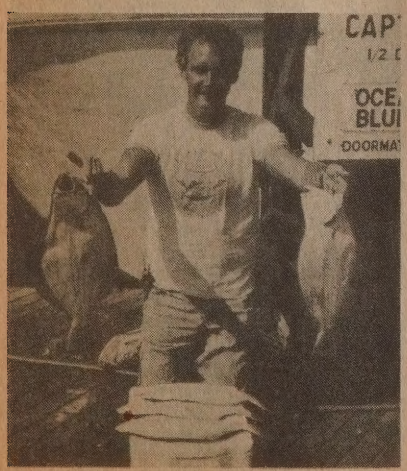
a 6.4 pound cod to settle the event.

From **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani heard talk of some decent flounder action at the Jones Beach Piers this week. Best bet for boatmen continues to be the State Channel near Gilgo. Some of Mike's customers reported taking fair numbers of white perch at Sunken Meadow. Others told of seeing a couple of nice trout taken from Rattlesnake Creek on the Connetquot along with lots of small ones.

Across the street at **Charlie's Bait and Tackle**, Jimmy Schaefer noted that there are cod on the wrecks but plenty of wind has been keeping the private boats from getting to them. He has been selling worms but no one has been reporting back with any results. Jimmy will keep nightcrawlers in stock through the winter. He too asked that we extend greetings for a Happy Holiday Season to all.

Over at **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor**, Bob Rose heard nothing in the way of fishing reports this week. Most of his business has revolved around Christmas shoppers. He asked that we extent Seasons Greetings wishes to all of the shop's customers.

From **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, Frank Pristera noted that one customer reported catching 3 blackfish inside the bay earlier in the week after spending all morning on catching two flounder. Frank did know of a few flatties coming from the Copiague Hole during the week but heard nothing from the weekend. Lots of wind has kept the private boat fleet at dockside, hence no cod reports.


Wayne Baker with a brace of fluke weighing 5 and 4¼ lbs. taken aboard the Captree open boat, "Capt. Joseph II," back in August.

Maryann Solinas decked this big fluke at Montauk aboard her dad's boat, Momma. Subscriber photo.

West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

As we move into the beginnings of winter and the start of our three week break, the weatherman has not been giving us much of a break in terms of wind and lumpy sea conditions. Due to conditions, most of the decent trips of the week were sailed prior to the weekend. Best bet for the week continues to be cod and blackfish, with flounder running from picky to fair.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

Mike at **Causeway Tackle in Wantagh** said that several of his customers have been flounder fishing in the waters behind Bellmore and generally have been finding it tough sledding due to wind conditions and the roiled up water. Best catches, however, have been on incoming tide, boats averaging 5 to 10 per boat with heavy chumming a bit, but not much. Fish have been mixed to 1½ pounds. Blackfishing has been holding up very well said Mike at 17 Fathoms on green crabs.

Sailing out of Freeport, Captain Jimmy on the **Super Spray II** said the codfishing was good during the week but that he did not sail the weekend due to conditions. Working the area's wrecks, fares had pool fish in the 30s and 40s, with high hooks running 5 and 6 fish.

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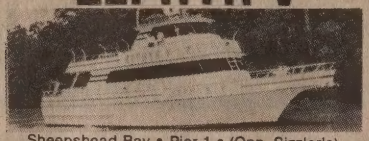
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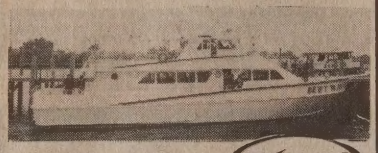
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Aboard Captain Richie Kessinger's **Starstream II**, the skipper said that fares had a few cod Sunday despite horrendous sea conditions including a big roll. Saturday was blown out altogether. The two weekdays trips that the boat sailed saw 8 fares hoist 20 cod one day and 9 fares take 29 cod the following day. Fish averaged 8 to 15 pounds with pool fish in the 20s. The boat has been working wrecks and hard bottom. Mixed in the catch have been a few dogfish plus some macks, ling and blackfish.

Captain Mike Danon of the **Captain Lou Fleet** called the flounder action good this week with high hooks in the teens on flatties to 2½ lbs. The daily floundering and the Wednesday blackfish trips will continue until Christmas. Mike wishes you all Happy Holidays.

In nearby Point Lookout, Captain Al Lindroth of the **Captain Al** said his codfish catches were very good this week on the days that he was able to sail. On Tuesday, nine fares picked away and put together a catch, but Wednesday was a blowout. Thursday was excellent with about 75 mixed cod caught. Sunday was even better with over 100 cod bounced onto the deck. Fish have been ranging anywhere from 3 to 40 lbs. On Sunday's trip Ruesga Ulises of NY bagged a 40 lb. pool winner, while regular Ken

Jennifer Kane, 10, and a pair of 11 lb. blues she caught at Cholera with her dad and uncle back on November 1st. Subscriber photo.

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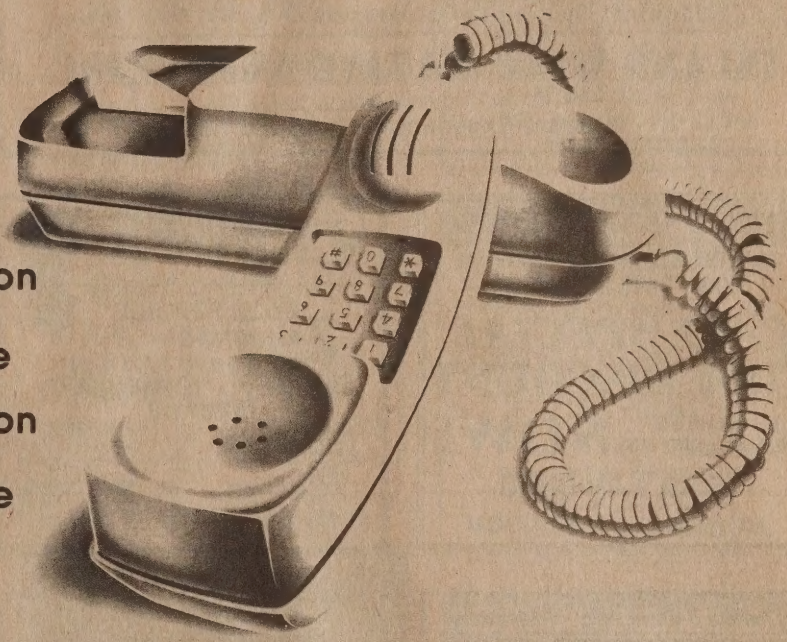

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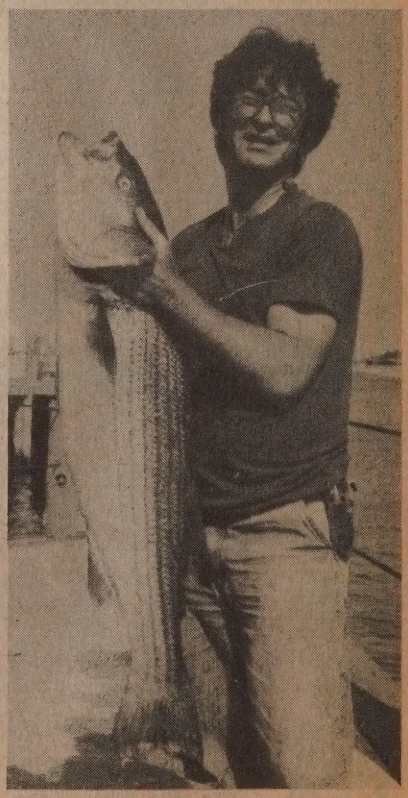
Hejducek of Oceanside had 12 cod to 30 lbs. A few mackerel were also taken on every trip. Friday and Saturday which turned out to be very good as far as fishing conditions went, saw a zero turnout of fishermen due to the bad weather reports the night before, a further reminder not to depend totally on the very often incorrect weather reports given over radio and TV.

Captain Dennis of the **Night Hawk** told us that when weather was cooperative, blackfishing this week on local wrecks and at 17 Fathoms were super. He adivsed that he will be sailing three more weeks before throwing in the rag for the winter.

NEW YORK BIGHT

The Wee Willie report at **Mike's Tackle** directly across from the fleet is of continued good blackfishing at 17 Fathoms for big blacks or at Seabright for smaller tog, the area selected really dependent upon weather. Mixed fish are being taken. Some skippers also reported that the weekend saw mackerel mixed into the catches at 17.



Andy Dick displays a 31 lb. striper that inhaled a bunker chunk off of Rockaway Beach. Harry Ostrow snapped the photo.

North Shore REPORT
with Marty Garrell

Another brutal coastal storm swept through over the weekend and made reports difficult to come by. The last tautog were caught out east from deep water drops, and a few hardy souls settled into the winter fishing pattern for small harbor flounder and game fish from power plant plumes.

WESTERN SOUND

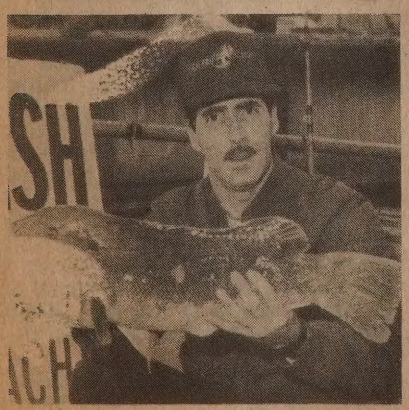
Lou Pepe at **John's Gun and Tackle** in New Rochelle commented that a couple of anglers were still looking for bait on Sunday but that the supplies were gone now. The store is open Sundays until 2PM. The **Glen Cove Sport Shop** is busy preparing a fund raising raffle for the Fishermen's Defense Fund appeal pending in Albany next year. The long legal action concerning beach access will continue for some time.

Currently, there are no boats sailing from western ports, all party craft having packed up during the Thanksgiving weekend. The last call we made to Carl Giangrande of the **Reliable** out of Flushing confirmed this.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

The last bass of the season to be put on official scales came from this zone, a 22 lber. that represented one angler's first striper of the year. Of course the season on linesiders has now been closed since November 30.

George Valentine at **Four Winds** in



Dominic Caruso and a hefty 9¾ lb. bulldog black caught on October 27 aboard the Sheepshead Bay based open boat, "Shamrock."

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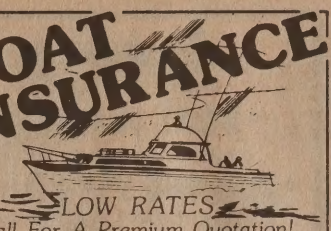

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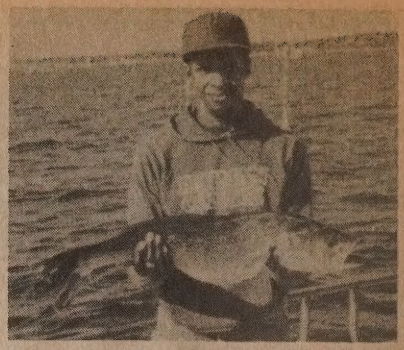
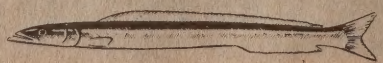


Alan Williams shows the 12 lb. weak he caught in Long Island Sound on 9-27-87 aboard the "Delmas IV."

Huntington Station hasn't sold a green crab for two weeks and his week's bait sales consisted of about a dozen worms. There was a report of bass off the bluffs at the mouth of the Nissequogue one week ago; these are schoolies for plugging. Valentine's is doing a brisk business in Christmas gifts and trees as well. Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in Northport had some tips for those who want to fish the power plant this winter. He likes 1/2 and 3/4 ounce white bucktails with or without pork rind tips. The old 1/2 ounce Tri-Fin whiptail and small jointed Rebels are also good bets. Those who want to try flounder in Centerport should take a look at the piers and dock at or around full tide. Gate regulation is just like Shinnecock.

Mel Fleischmann's sales this week at **Greenlawn Sport** consisted of 4 boxes of ammunition and 3 dozen worms. He figures that the Mill Dam is still good for flounder, a few to a pound, at all hours and on all tides. Three or four fish in one cold weather shift are about all one can hope for. Greenlawn Sport is open Sundays unti Christmas.

We interrupted the Sunday card game at **Ralph's Fishing Station** in Mount Sinai and learned that one boat did venture out to a mid-Sound wreck at mid-week. The catch before the tide ran hard consisted of a half dozen tautog to 9½ lbs. There are still some very small flounder around the docks and ramp in Mount Sinai Harbor, according to Stan Hentschel at the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop.** The surf gang took a shot at Crane's Neck at mid-week and had one good sized fish hooked up. A shad of around 2 lbs. took a dropp□er fly off Hallock's Landing and Hentschel informed us that these scrappers can be taken all winter around warm water discharges if anglers know where to look.



NORTH FORK

There are no more supplies of fresh bait on the North Fork, so those who want some worms will be to check **Altenkirch's** in Hampton Bays or **Speck's** in North Sea. Ed Kopack at **Warren's Tackle Center** in Aquebogue has put up frozen clams and clam chum logs for the winter and he's open until 1PM on Sundays with a lot of tackle for the holidays.

Bob Ceglowski's new, wide-beamed **Captain Bob** is actually a 70 footer, moored this winter at the Old Mill in Mattituck for all to see. Ceglowski plans to charter on weekends and on late afternoons and he'll be looking for special parties (cruises, celebrations, etc.), as well next season. The staple of his trade will continue to be party boat sailings as an open craft on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, beginning around April 1st. Pete Izzo called to tell us that the North Fork Captains' Association had another meeting on Sunday and discussed a reply to a very reasonable offer from the Village of Greenport for use of the facilities around the railroad dock. Izzo will be chartering in the spring and fall with the **BoAnne II**, but he will be extending the open boat, 10AM sailings from mid-June through mid-September, too.

Larry Ciccotto of the **Prime Time III** informed us that his last event of the season was a morning party on November 29th. He and Joanne cleared the decks at 9:15AM and prepared the craft for the winter. The Prime Time III will remain in the water at Orient by the Sea Marina in anticipation of a probable late-March start in 1988.

John Rainis had six phone calls for reservations on the **Sea Star** for last Sunday, his last day of sailing. With strong winds in the forecast, Rainis sent the hardies to Larry Porter of the **Brand X.** Unfortunately, the Montreal Express continued to blow with more intensity than usual and even Porter failed to sail on his last excursion. Porter noted that his biggest tautog of the season were officially weighed on registered scales at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** and were 11 and 12½ lbs., respectively.

The last tautog trip of the season was a charter on the **Peconic Star II** made in gale winds on Saturday. Dave Brennan's hardy gang of 19 missed a lot of bites because of the pitch and roll of the 75 footer, but everybody had a couple of tog.

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How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . —0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	10:40	11:25	11:40	—	11:35	—	12:30	12:25	2:10	2:05	2:05	2:15	10:50	11:20	12/10
FRI.	11:25	—	12:05	11:40	—	12:15	1:20	1:15	2:45	2:50	2:50	3:00	11:40	—	12/11
SAT.	12:10	12:10	12:55	12:15	12:30	1:00	2:10	2:10	3:25	3:35	3:35	3:50	12:15	12:30	12/12
SUN.	1:00	1:00	1:50	1:05	1:25	1:40	3:00	3:05	4:10	4:25	4:25	4:45	1:05	1:25	12/13
MON.	1:50	1:50	2:45	2:55	2:30	2:30	3:50	4:00	5:00	5:20	5:15	5:35	2:00	2:20	12/14
TUES.	2:45	2:50	3:35	3:45	3:20	3:30	4:35	4:55	5:50	6:20	6:05	6:30	2:50	3:10	12/15
WED.	3:40	3:55	4:25	4:40	4:10	4:30	5:20	5:45	6:40	7:15	6:55	7:20	3:45	4:05	12/16
THURS.	4:35	4:50	5:15	5:30	5:05	5:30	6:00	6:35	7:30	8:15	7:45	8:15	4:35	4:55	12/17

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehobeth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	—0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	—0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point, north side	—1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	—0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	—1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 12/10	7:17	4:29
FRI. 12/11	7:18	4:29
SAT. 12/12	7:19	4:29
SUN. 12/13	7:19	4:29
MON. 12/14	7:20	4:30
TUE. 12/15	7:21	4:30
WED. 12/16	7:22	4:30

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 12/10	9:20PM	11:10AM
FRI. 12/11	10:20PM	11:35AM
SAT. 12/12	11:25PM	11:55AM
SUN. 12/13	—	12:15PM
MON. 12/14	12:25AM	12:30PM
TUE. 12/15	1:25AM	12:55PM
WED. 12/16	2:35AM	1:15PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
12/20	12/27	1/4	12/13

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	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	8:45	**2:35**	9:15	**3:00**
Fri.	9:30	**3:20**	10:00	**3:45**
Sat.	10:15	**4:05**	10:40	**4:25**
Sun.	11:00	**4:50**	11:25	**5:10**
Mon.	11:35	**5:25**	—	**5:50**
Tues.	12:05	**6:05**	12:15	**6:25**
Wed.	12:40	**6:45**	12:55	**7:05**
Thurs.	1:20	**7:25**	1:35	**7:55**

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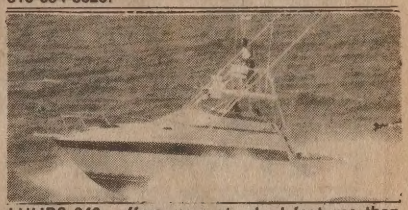

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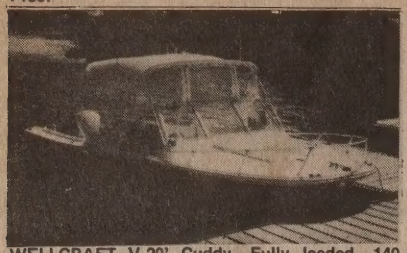

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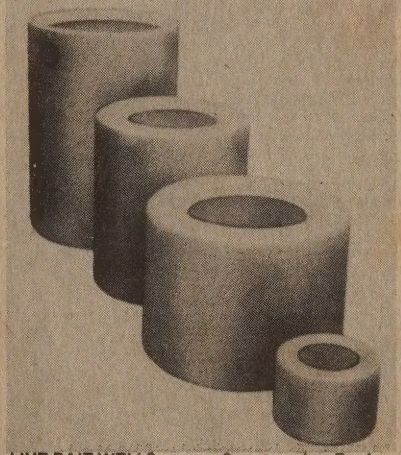

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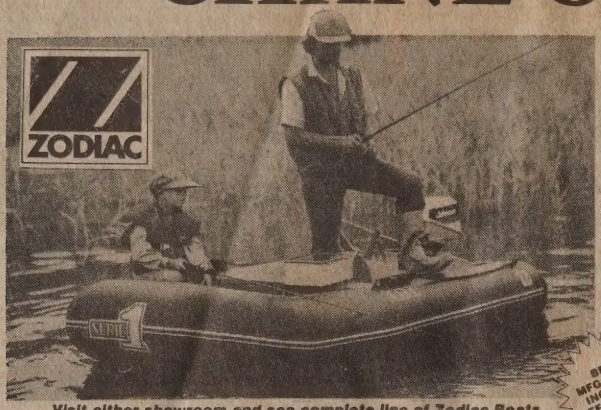

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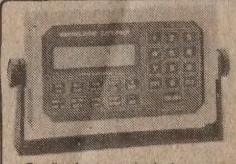

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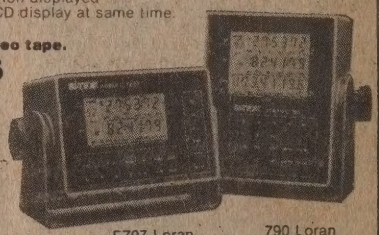

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